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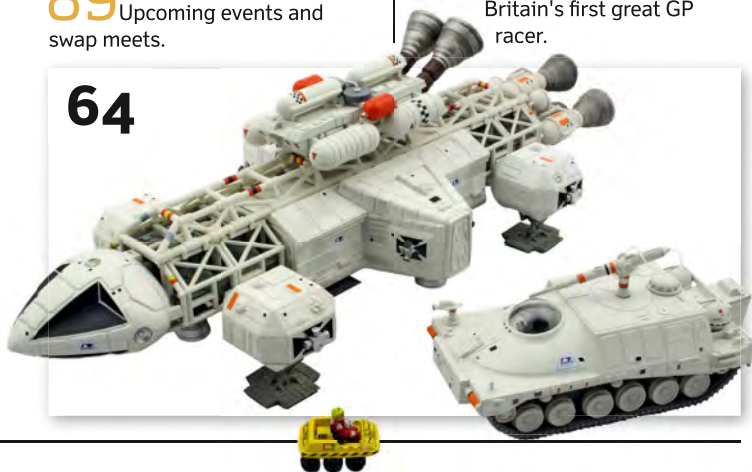
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Welcome



▲ Rick Wilson, Editor

Diecast by numbers—25, 40, 50, 60 and 75. What some consider bordering on being an obsession of mine, this month the anniversaries are seemingly everywhere! Starting with number 25, it's that many years ago that the endurance racing world was introduced to the Gunnar Porsche 966 at the 1991 Daytona 24 Hours, the design of which influenced prototype racing cars for many years to come. Next up, we recently passed the 40th anniversary of another of Gerry Anderson's amazing TV shows, *Space: 1999*, so that's my excuse for getting out my Dinky Toys Eagle spacecraft. Remember the wonderful Corgi Majors range of Mack trucks? It's 50 years since the R Series was launched, so we couldn't miss that one either. This coming July, Corgi celebrates 60 years and it has just announced its 2016 first half range, which includes a wonderful selection of favourites that will be produced in special anniversary packaging. Finally, it's the turn of number 75. In November 1940, the mighty de Havilland Mosquito took to the air for the first time. The prototype has recently undergone a restoration in time for the milestone, so I took my Corgi Mosquito prototype model down to meet the real thing. One number that doesn't quite work is that I've been in the hot seat here for just shy of two and a half years, but I will be relinquishing the reins in early January after what has been a most enjoyable tenure. I've made so many new friends and have loved editing, photographing and writing, so much so that I won't completely disappear from the pages, contributing the occasional article. My restoration project box overfloweth for starters! I think my recent passion for collecting unmade Dinky Action Kit releases needs sharing with you as well. But therein lies a dilemma. Surely, after 40 years plus, it has got to the point where it would be wrong for me to make them up now? It's not like they weren't released as finished toys, so why can't I be content with collecting those instead? All will be revealed... So then, it's time to sign off, and it's very much in *au revoir* mode; I don't like saying goodbye, it's too final for my liking. It's been a fabulous experience and I hope you've enjoyed my time at the helm as much as I have, despite my obsession with numbers. So, thank you for reading and goodnight... [exits stage left].

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News & Events

Rick Wilson rounds up the latest hobby news and events.

THUNDERBALL DB5 50TH ANNIVERSARY

AFTER first appearing in the 1964 film *Goldfinger*, the third film in the James Bond series, the stunning Aston Martin DB5 returned in 1965 for Bond's next outing, in the thrilling opening scenes of *Thunderball*.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the release of the film, Corgi has just released a fully equipped DB5 in a limited edition anniversary pack. The features are the same as those on the earlier *Goldfinger* 50th

anniversary release: working ejector seat with baddie, front-mounted machine guns and bulletproof rear screen.

Presented in the iconic silver livery of the film and displayed in a special retro-styled anniversary box, the DB5 model is also available in a gold finish. Also as per the earlier release, the models are produced in packs of six to the trade, with five in silver and just one in gold per pack. Pre-orders have been huge for

the gold version so these will be very hard to come by. Expect values to rise instantly for these. ■



1/18 SCALE LE MANS 2015 MODELS FROM SPARK



IN addition to the multitude of 1/43 releases by Spark from the 2015 Le Mans 24 Hours, it has just announced some rather fabulous models from the race in 1/18 scale. A total of eighteen models from the race have been announced so far at this scale, including the Porsche 919, Audi R18 E-Tron, Nissan GT-R LM and Oreca 05 prototypes, plus the Aston Martin Vantage V8, Corvette C7R, Viper GTS-R and Porsche 911RSR GT class racers.

Top of my list is the rather fabulous Porsche 919 driven by Mark Webber, Brendon Hartley and Timo Bernhard to second place, wearing the red livery that was a nod to the 1970 Le Mans winning Salzburg Porsche 917. Mark Webber is pictured at the wheel during the 2015 event at the Esses de la Forêt on Sunday morning. (Photo by Rick Wilson.) ■

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TWO very well known cars of the stars are coming soon from Greenlight Collectibles, both in 1/18 scale. Arriving in January is the unmistakable 1976 Ford Gran Torino of Starsky & Hutch, with incredibly indiscreet white flash striping that was so helpful in the pair's undercover work. Numbered 19017, the model will retail at £74.99 ... it's a fair cop!

Just announced for future release and now categorised under pre-order status, is Elvis

Presley's famous Pink Cadillac. It represents the first release under Greenlight's new Elvis Presley licensing agreement. The 1955 Cadillac Fleetwood Series 60, No 12950, will come in Elvis themed packaging and is sure to leave retailers all shook up with the demand as the RRP will be just £69.99. So, don't delay, it's now or never and I'm sure none of these will be marked return to sender.

I'll stop now... ■

TAXI! TAXI!!

IN celebration of the fifth anniversary of British Heritage Models, founder Frank Jones has announced a special limited edition taxi in the guise of "JONES CABS".

Especially commissioned from Tin Wizard Models of Germany, the model, of a 1975 Volvo 244DL saloon, registration number TAX 1P, is right hand drive and sports a rear "GB" plate and period telephone number. Hand built in white metal, the model will be limited to just 25 units and comes with a numbered certificate of authenticity, signed by Frank Jones.

Price is £119.99 plus £4.99 p&p (overseas at cost) and further details can be had from BHM: telephone 01244 320761 or by email: bhm-uk@talktalk.net. ■



MORE MODELS FOR MCKEEFRY



PROMOTIONAL model vehicle specialists, Search Impex, has recently supplied another run of 1/43 scale tanker models to Northern Ireland based operator, B.P. McKeefry Ltd. This time, the models are based on its Volvo FH4 Globetrotter XL 6x2 tractor units with 3 axle, bulk tipping powder tanker trailers, finished in the company's striking new red and white livery.

Models are priced at £110 each (including UK delivery & VAT). For details of availability of this and other models, collectors can visit the Search Impex website at www.search-impex.co.uk or call on 01332 873555. ■

News in brief



■ Corgi's Royal bus

A special edition Classic Routemaster in regal purple to celebrate the 90th Birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II has been announced. This historic occasion will be marked by a four day long celebration in London in May. The model, RRP £9.99, will be available in late April. ■



■ Tekno UK Collection

Speedbird Promotions has released its latest exclusive in the Tekno UK Historic Collection. The Scania 4-Series Topline 4x2 with 3-axle curtainside trailer is in the livery of Grant of Buckle. Strictly limited to 150 pieces, it is priced at £139.95 including free UK delivery. Contact Ben Lord on 01359 232667 or visit www.speedbird-promotions.co.uk for more information. ■



■ New Arocs from NZG

Just arrived from NZG is this rather eye-catching Mercedes-Benz Arocs Big Space SLT tractor unit, featuring a steerable front axle. Packed with detail, this 1/50 scale model is priced at EUR98.00 (just over £70 as I type) direct from NZG. For more information and to order, go to www.nzg.de. ■

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AMAZING COLIN PRIOR COLLECTION ANNOUNCED BY CORGI

A rather splendid initiative from Corgi is this incredible set of eight Scania R Highline tractor units in the livery of Malcolm Logistics, each hauling a walking floor trailer and together featuring an amazing collection of images from renowned landscape photographer, Colin Prior.

Originating as a family-owned business in the 1920s, The Malcolm Group has become one of the leading providers of logistics, construction and maintenance services in the UK. Off the back of the success of its first uniquely branded walking floor trailer that depicted a magnificent scene from the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, Malcolm Logistics has now partnered with one of the world's most

respected landscape photographers, Colin Prior, to introduce more scenic-inspired trailers featuring Colin's panoramic photographs of the beautiful Scottish landscape.

These eight Scania R Highlines form a unique collection that no haulage model collector should be without. Each model will be individually boxed and each set of eight models will be supplied with matching limited edition certificate numbers.

This wonderful set, No CC13799, will cost £699.99 (£629.99 to Corgi Club members) and is scheduled to arrive at the end of May. Pre-order at www.corgi.co.uk ■



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Rick Wilson takes a look at this month's model releases including fine replicas in handbuilt, the latest in farm and new items in the world of construction.

Additional contributors: Richard Carlson (Handbuilt); Steven Downes (Construction); David Pullen (Farm).

BEST OF SHOW'S FABULOUS ROVER P5B MAKES FOR A BIG AND BEAUTIFUL MODEL



▼ What an incredible looking car the P5B Coupé is. They certainly don't make them like they used to!

THE Rover P5 series was a group of large saloon and coupé cars, produced by Rover between 1958 and 1973, and was a much larger car than the P4 which in some respects it replaced. Nearly 70,000 examples were built.

The P5 Mark I appeared in September 1958, powered by a 3-litre straight-six engine, giving 115bhp. The Mark II arrived in 1962 with improved suspension but the same

engine, although power had been increased, with official figures given as 129bhp. The coupé version first appeared in this guise late in 1962, with a lower roof line leading

to a sloped rear window. An interesting feature is that, unlike most coupés adaptations, the P5 retained its four-door layout. Nearly 21,000 Mark I saloons were made. Production figures

for the Mark II were bizarrely very similar at just over 21,000, split roughly three to one in favour of the saloon.

The Mark III arrived in 1965, with another small power increase, to 134 bhp, and was "more luxuriously trimmed and furnished", as described in literature at the London Motor Show launch. Just under 4,000 saloons and just over 2,500 coupés were made.

The fourth generation P5B

1/18 scale

BEST OF SHOW

Rover P5B Coupé 1971

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Above left: Stunning detail to the rear end, particularly the super fine "Coupé" badge.. **Above middle:** How many rear view mirrors were filled with this image, impatient to roar past thanks to that superb Buick V8. **Above right:** The detail gets even better at the front, with an exquisite grille and all four lights looking incredibly realistic.

THIS MONTH'S INDEPTH REVIEWS:

10 Rover P5B from Best of Show.

The beautiful P5B makes for an incredible model and even more so at 1/18 scale. An absolute beauty and excellent value too.

16 CMC's jaw-dropping Ferrari 250 GTO.

Worth every penny, this is the first of four different coloured releases of the truly iconic 250 GTO by CMC, the masters of detail and precision.

22 VW Bulli dealer release from Norev.

Now available for general retail, Norev's Bulli, produced originally for VW dealerships, is packed with detail and makes for excellent value.



▲ Check out those five-stud Rostyle wheels, a key element to the look of the P5B, perfectly replicated.



▲ A particularly pleasing angle showing the subtle roof lines of the Coupé that really suited the overall design.

arrived in September 1967 and featured a change of engine, the 3.5 litre Rover V8. The "B" added to the model name stood for Buick, because that was where the new engine originated from. The biggest visual clues to the new variant were the rather stylish Rostyle wheels, with black painted inserts, and the addition of two front fog lamps, giving that impressive array of four front lights. Close to 21,000 P5Bs came off the production line, split more closely this time, with just over 9,000 coupés compared to 11,500 saloons.

The subject of Best of Show's Rover P5 is the fourth generation P5B 3.5 litre coupé and is beautifully finished in gold and the body shape

is absolutely perfect, with all sorts of exquisite detail, particularly to the front end and the treatment of the lights and front grille. The large glass area affords an excellent view of the interior, which is superb with the seats looking like real black leather and very comfortable too! The fine door handles and windscreen wipers are a nice touch too, as are the wheels and tyres, which look absolutely perfect. Another couple of details worthy of note are the chrome-effect strips down either side of the body, with neat pinstriping running parallel underneath.

Overall this is an incredible model for the price and looks absolutely gorgeous on display. Top value! **DC**



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SCALE: 1/43 PRICE: £26.95/£38.00

REF NO: 176704

www.modelcarworld.com

As a long time Saab owner myself, this cutie is a particular delight. Excellent body shape and great finish all over, as always with NEO models of course.

New Models



AUTOART

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SCALE: 1/18 **PRICE:** £190.99

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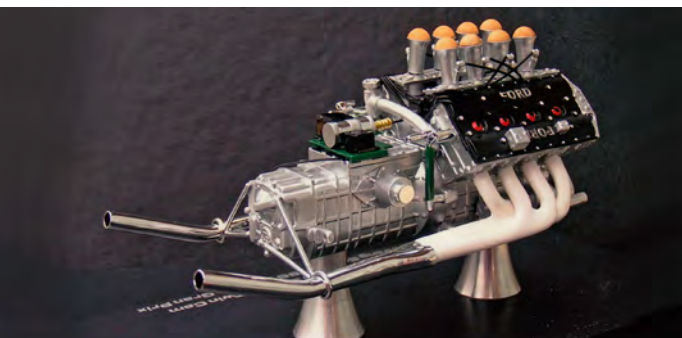
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▲ The unmistakable lines of Ferrari's beautiful 250 GTO

THE Ferrari 250 GTO was produced by Ferrari from 1962 to 1964 for homologation into the FIA's Group 3 Grand Touring Car class. The numerical part denotes the displacement in cubic centimetres of each cylinder, whilst GTO stands for "Gran Turismo Omologato", Italian for "Grand Touring Homologated." Buyers had to be personally approved by Enzo Ferrari and, for North America, by his dealer

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Thirty-nine 250 GTOs were manufactured in total. This includes 33 Series I cars with 1962-63 bodywork, three cars with 1964 Series II bodywork similar to the Ferrari 250 LM and three 330 GTO specials with a larger 4-litre engine. Four of the Series I cars were retrofitted in 1964 with an updated Series II body.

The development of the 250

GTO was headed by chief engineer Giotto Bizzarrini. He had focused his design efforts on the car's aerodynamics in an attempt to improve top speed and stability. Although Bizzarrini is usually credited as the designer of the 250 GTO, he and most other Ferrari engineers were fired in 1962 due to a dispute with Enzo Ferrari. Further development of the 250 GTO was overseen by new engineer Mauro Forghieri,

who worked with Scaglietti to continue development.

The chassis was based on that of the 250 GT SWB, with minor differences in frame structure and geometry. The engine was the same 3-litre V12 as used in the 250 Testa Rossa, an all-alloy dry sump design.

The interior is extremely basic, emphasising the car's racing intentions. The instrument panel does not contain a speedometer,

▲ What a side profile! Perfectly captured by CMC.



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▲ The purposeful stance of the 250 GTO's design reveals its true intentions, to dominate on the racing circuits.



▲ The cut off tail just adds to the racy look and those brutal wheel arches allow for a wider track for much needed cornering grip.

seats are cloth-upholstered, and no carpeting or headlining is present. Cockpit ventilation is provided by exterior air inlets. The exposed metal gate defining the shift pattern became a Ferrari tradition that was maintained in production models for several decades.

CMC's masterpiece of miniature engineering, and there is no other way of describing it, is possibly the most impressive model I have ever had the pleasure of reviewing. CMC even developed a new method of manufacture for its GTO. Conventional diecasting methods would not allow faithful reproduction of

the curvaceous lines without the body panels being too thick. The answer was to split the body into different sections, subtly screwing the sections together to give the structural integrity required.

Built from 1,841 individual parts, CMC's GTO features an elegantly replicated front end with removable covers that reveal the three air intakes. The coolant filler cover in the bonnet also opens, as does the oil filler situated under the right side of the rear window. The intricate windscreen wipers even have real rubber blades. The bonnet itself is equipped with a supporting rod,

quick release locks plus leather belts and buckles for secure fastening. Opening it reveals a highly detailed V12 engine. Both doors open affording access to the meticulously replicated interior with roll cage and safety belts. The seats are upholstered in real cloth, trimmed with leather, and the doors feature working sliding windows. Even the dashboard comes in a wrinkle-finish with a full array of instruments.

At the rear, the boot lid lifts for access to the spare wheel and the rear fuel tank filler cap opens. As for the sumptuous wire wheels, these feature light alloy rims,

stainless steel spokes and nipples. The central locking nuts unscrew with side-dependent right- and left-hand threads, allowing the wheels to be removed. Incredible!

Turning the model over reveals an elaborate underside with authentically replicated front and rear suspension, oil tank and fuel tank, both made of stainless steel, in addition to an impressive racing-style exhaust system.

All this comes at a price of course, but you certainly get what you pay for. CMC has released the GTO in red, blue and yellow versions too so I'd better get saving... **DC**



▲ Wonderfully detailed interior can be fully appreciated by opening the doors and the oil filler flap, just to the left of the door, opens too.



▲ Lift the boot lid to reveal the spare wheel. Note the "Monza" style fuel filler cap to the left, even this opens as well!



▲ Coolant filler flap opens to reveal the radiator cap and the three air intake covers can be removed too, just like on the real car.



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An amusing recurrence is the number 177. Registered VLT 177, fleet number RM 177 is working on route 177 to Abbey Wood.



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The MkVII Jag looks great in this shade of metallic light blue, ensuring none of the detail is lost and the beautiful lines can be fully appreciated.

TRANSPORTED IN STYLE WITH NOREV'S DEALER MODEL OF VOLKSWAGEN'S BULLI

WITH the truly iconic VW T1/Transporter/Microbus (delete as applicable and call it what you will) forever engraved deep in our hearts, VW has teased us on more than one occasion with a reboot of the design.

First to see the light of day in recent times was the 2001 Microbus Concept, revealed at the 2001 North American International Auto Show. In 2002, production from 2003 was confirmed, based on the new T5 platform. That was delayed and then finally cancelled in 2005.

Fast forward another six years and the Bulli was unveiled at the 2001 Geneva Auto Show. More a tribute than a new version of the old icon, the Bulli is a compact MPV, but the name is a definite throwback to the old days, as Bulli was a nickname



1/18 scale

NOREV
VW Bulli

PRICE: £49.99 REF NO: 7E9099302BL9

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▲ Looking every inch the little baby brother of the iconic Transporter, will the Bulli ever make it into production?



▲ The nod to the chrome hubcaps of the T1 is a lovely touch.

commonly used for the original T1 bus in Germany.

Despite it having space for six split across two bench seats, it is so much smaller overall than the Microbus that it should be really be considered a Nanobus!

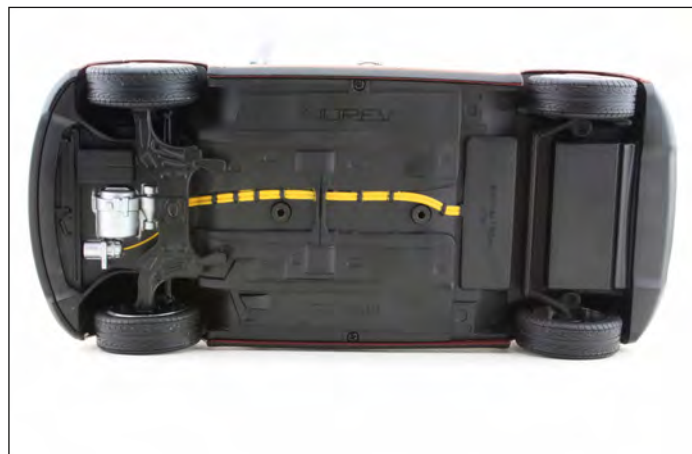
The retro cues are just right though, nothing too flashy. The two-tone paintwork hints at the V-shaped front end styling drawing attention to a large VW badge (try stealing these and wearing as a necklace Beastie Boys

fans!) and then there are those wonderful hub cap lookalike wheels. Inside, the interior is suitably understated, with the exception of a state-of-the-art iPad touchscreen as a control panel. I hope the Bulli features a suitably impressive security system too!

But all this is mere speculation as the Bulli has been another on-off love affair undertaken by VW Group's board. Will they? Won't they? We're still none the wiser five years later, but it certainly features some superb



▲ Those twin panoramic roof panels give a superb view of the interior.



▲ Simple but pleasing underside.



▲ Plenty of playability.



▲ Simplistic but stylish interior is well modelled, right down to the iPad control panel.

ideas and it would sit well alongside the latest Beetle.

The good solid diecast body of the model is fabulously finished by Norev, especially the two-tone paintwork, which is flawlessly replicated with an excellent crisp split and not a hint of overspray. The front doors, bonnet and tailgate all open and close beautifully with even shut lines all round. The front wheels steer too, turning the steering wheel as they do. The plastic interior reflects the minimalist approach of the

real vehicle but it is superbly finished nonetheless, right down to that iPad touchscreen on the dashboard. The full length sunroof also affords an excellent view of the interior, making this a great model to display

Norev's wonderful model was made for VW dealerships but a number have now been made available for retail sale. It's not strictly a limited edition, but these will surely disappear quickly. And no, you can't have this sample because I like it so much, I've bought it! **DC**



▲ Who wouldn't want one of these funky vehicles on their drive?



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IXO MODELS

Ford Fiesta RS WRC

2013 Rally of Finland

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NEW CORGI RELEASES

Corgi has announced its early 2016 range, *Rick Wilson* reveals many of the highlights for the coming year.

On 3rd July 2016, Corgi will officially be 60 years old and to celebrate this milestone, it has announced a range of ten special models that will be produced with wonderful retro style packaging and at very pocket friendly prices too. But that's just part of the superb

range unveiled for the first half of 2016.

With new tooling appearing in the form of the Volvo FH cab and the James Bond Spectre DB10, plus the already announced Thunderball DB5 and 50th anniversary Thunderbirds (also featuring newly tooled Thunderbirds 1 and 3), there is definitely a lot to get excited about for

the New Year. From the special edition Classic Routemaster right through to the Operation Granby 25th anniversary aircraft, this is sure to be a great year for Corgi collectors. And that includes me! So don't delay, get those pre-orders in at your favourite retailer or www.corgi.co.uk as soon as you can. **DC**

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As the big Mack R Series celebrates its 50th anniversary, **Paul Lumsdon** looks at the history of this iconic US truck and also reviews the Corgi Majors range of Mack Rs from the 1970s.

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One of the things about this great hobby of diecast collecting that I am really struck by is the way that, as an adult, I now look at models from a somewhat different perspective. Of course my collecting is underpinned to a great degree by nostalgia from my youth, but I now find many more aspects of the models of interest. The Mack R Series of trucks produced by Corgi during the early to mid-1970s is a great example.

Back in the day these were superb toys with exciting features and what the marketing men now term as great 'play value'. And that's just what we did with them, we played with them. Back then I probably didn't know what a Mack was. To me it was just exciting to have a tough American-looking truck with lots of working 'bits'.

Nowadays I may yearn to relive those innocent days of youth through collecting the models all over again, but now I have a much keener interest in the history of the trucks, the construction of the models, the variants and quantities produced etc., and these are the additional elements that, if you like, define the 'adult' aspect of collecting toys.

So when I read that it was in fact 50 years since Mack first produced the classic R Series of trucks, it sparked a desire to look not just at the Corgi range of models, but also the history of one of the world's most popular and successful commercial vehicles.

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and secured their first order for a bus from a New York Sightseeing Company. The 13 seater bus was powered by a 4-cylinder engine developing 24 horsepower. The Mack Bus was incredibly successful and was soon renamed the 'Manhattan'. It spent the next eight years carrying tourists all around Prospect Park in Brooklyn and at the same time earned the Mack Company an enviable reputation for quality and reliability.

THE MACK AC AND THE BULLDOG

In 1905 the company set up its main manufacturing plant and headquarters in Allentown and began to focus on the production of trucks. 1916 saw the introduction of one of the company's most important and successful commercial vehicles, the Mack AC. This was the vehicle that really established the business and it was unique in that Mack produced every part from top to bottom. It was simple, tough and reliable and when WW1 came it was the AC that hauled troops and vital supplies in the most demanding of conditions. After the war it continued to live up to its reputation as the truck for the toughest jobs. To reflect this from 1932 the, now legendary, bulldog motif was added to the bonnet of the trucks. Despite the fact that it could only boast a 75 horsepower, 4-cylinder engine and had, by then, somewhat antiquated chain drive, the Mack AC remained in production until 1936. In 1938 Mack became the first company to begin manufacturing its own diesel engines and when war came the company remained at the forefront, producing over 35,000 heavy duty trucks for the military of not only the USA but also Great Britain, France, and Canada. Mack also built over 2,600 power trains for tanks and the Allentown bus factory was turned over to the production of Catalina Flying Boats

1 The full range of the Corgi Majors releases from the early seventies.

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and components for other aircraft such as the B24 Liberator. The company's contribution to the allied victory was enormous.

THE ICONIC MACK B

The first new Mack after the War was the relatively short lived Mack A. However it was the Mack B that was to set the next benchmark in the company's history. Produced between 1953 and 1966, this heavy duty truck has become one of the best known classic trucks of all time. In total over 127,000 'Bs' were produced and many have been preserved and still run today, some still in daily use! Part of the Mack B success was down to the huge number of variants and configurations that were offered. Petrol and diesel powered options and a wide range of chassis options gave it a flexibility that suited just about every heavy duty application from commercial hauling to military service, fire and rescue to vehicle recovery, there was a Mack B to do the job.

ENTER THE MACK R

When the Mack R was introduced in 1966 it



▲ The tractor unit bonnet is released by pushing the red button, revealing a nice level of detail.

2 Gloster Saro petrol tanker, No 1152.

3 No 1152 in box.

4 No 1100 (right) poses with a combination of the No 1152 cab hauling the trailer from the earlier No 1137 release.

5 No 1100 in box.

certainly had a hard act to follow. But the R turned out to be a worthy successor and if anything became even more popular than the B. Certainly it remained in service for longer and with total production reaching 360,000 units by the time it was withdrawn in 2005. This is more than any other heavy duty commercial vehicle.

The cab of the R was huge by comparison to the B, offering far better visibility and driver comfort. The first R series models were powered by the Mack Thermodyne diesel and petrol engines but these were soon replaced by the far superior Maxidyne range which offered more flexibility and power, requiring far less gear changing compared to most other trucks.

The range comprised the R and RW for road use, the RD and all-wheel drive RM for construction and municipal use, from 1967 the RL as a lightweight variant and a decade later the RW Superliner with a long rectangular bonnet and grille. Then finally in the 1990s came the RB with a set-back front axle, mostly for very heavy duty applications. Once again, whatever the challenge, there was a Mack R to do the job.

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Tom Kelly, then Mack's Vice President of Marketing summed up the R series shortly before it was retired. He said; "It may not be a work of art, but it is a true classic. The R came to work every day and got the job done."

What more could you want of a truck?

THE CORGI MAJORS MACK R SERIES

Corgi announced its new Mack R in 1971 against the backdrop of extremely difficult trading conditions. The Mettoy Group was suffering at the hands of both Mattel and other cheap diecast manufacturers, mainly from the Far East. The North American market in particular became saturated with products, whilst all the time children were starting to lose interest in diecast toys at a younger age. As a result, demand fell away quite dramatically and

6 The No 1106 Container Truck is loaded (or unloaded?) with the help of the No 1154 Priestman Crane Truck.

7 Close up on the Container Truck, yet another colourful combination.

8 The 1152/1137 combination makes for an excellent display alongside the real 1100 release.

▼ Wonderful artwork to the rear of the No 1100 and No 1152 boxes.



in March 1971 Mettoy announced it was to close the Stanley Road, Northampton factory with the loss of some 900 jobs. The group went on that year to post their first ever trading loss. The Golden Age of diecast toys was beginning to wane!

Nevertheless new product development continued and the first two variants of the Mack arrived as part of the Corgi Majors range in October and November 1971.

1152 MACK TRUCK WITH GLOSTER SARO ARTICULATED PETROL TANKER

This was new tooling in all aspects – both tractor and trailer. The Mack tractor unit was produced in 1/48 scale. It featured a diecast body and chassis with metal cast wheels, red plastic interior, silver steering wheel and black plastic air filter and exhaust stack. A small red plastic button between the cab and chassis operated the bonnet release to reveal a quite nicely detailed engine in black. The front grille and headlight surrounds were in black whilst the front bumper (or fender) was finished in silver paint.

The articulated petrol tanker trailer was based on a design produced by Gloster Saro, a company formed by the amalgamation of the Gloster Aircraft Company and Saunders Roe (from the Isle of Wight) in the early 70s. They went on to produce aircraft support vehicles, fire appliances and tankers. The Corgi version featured a plastic blow-moulded main tank attached to a diecast chassis. There was a chrome plated walkway on the top and separate black plastic hoses on the sides. These could be connected to the supply nozzle for added realism. The model was finished in white with red trim and the tank sides featured Esso stickers and red stripes.

The model was produced from October 1971 and was withdrawn in 1976. The Great Book of Corgi lists total sales as 326,000 units.

1100 MACK TRUCK WITH TRANS CONTINENTAL TRAILER

The second appearance of the new Mack tractor unit tooling appeared just a month after the first, in November 1971, this time finished in all over orange. The detachable trailer was a large box van with full side sliding doors. This was actually first used in 1965 as part of model 1137, Ford Tilt Cab H Series. In its new guise it featured an orange chassis to match the cab, silvery blue box trailer and black sliding doors. The doors were adorned with the words 'Trans-Continental' and a world map logo, both in gold.

This model was withdrawn in 1973 with a quoted total production of 65,000 pieces. This included a colour variant of this release with a white cab and a lime green box back. This is quite rare and very collectible.

1106 MACK CONTAINER TRUCK

The next appearance of the Mack came in July 1972 and featured the same tractor unit this time with a

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flatbed articulated trailer and two plastic moulded containers with opening rear doors. The cab and flatbed unit were both painted yellow and all the interior and exterior details were exactly as previous releases with the exception of the front bumper which was red rather than silver. The containers were moulded in red with white 'ACL' logo stickers on the sides and the roofs featured slots in the top so they could be lifted off the flatbed by a special nylon lifting sling.

This model remained in the range until 1977 and total sales are reported at 313,000 units.

1154 MACK PRIESTMAN CRANE TRUCK

Released in October 1972, not only was this a great looking model with superb working features, but it also made very effective use of existing parts to create something 'new' but without the expense of new tooling. The basic Mack truck featured an additional diecast rear platform to which was fitted the cab from the 1128 Priestman Cub from 1963. The bright metal jib arm was also from the 1153 Priestman Crane, but was originally used on the 1121 Circus crane dating back to 1960. The crane was fitted with a hook and sling attachment, designed to lift the containers from the Container Truck (1106 above). The overall colour scheme was red with black chassis and yellow Priestman cab. The front of the bonnet featured an additional black guard for the headlights and radiator. The crane cab also featured 'Hi Lift' markings and a driver figure, plus wheels to operate the lifting of the crane arm and hook.

The model was withdrawn in 1976 after a total of 260,000 units had been produced.

GS10 TANK TRANSPORTER WITH BRITISH CENTURION MK111 TANK

Military enthusiasts would no doubt say that Corgi saved the best until last. They may have a point! The GS10 Gift Set appeared in October 1973 and featured the standard Mack tractor unit (used on the 1106) with the additional headlight and radiator guard (from the 1154), together with the articulated low loader back from the 1963 GS27 Machinery Carrier set, plus a lovely new Centurion MkIII Tank. The overall colour scheme for the tractor and trailer (including the engine bay) was matt dark green but rather oddly the bonnet release and interior remained in red plastic. The



▼ The Priestman Crane Truck offers oodles of playability with moving crane cab and working crane jib.



▲ No 1154's superb packaging.



▲ The rear of the box for No 1154 opts for a catalogue style shot.

trailer featured removable rear wheels which were replaced by ramps for loading and unloading. The Centurion tank was one of several new models that were made for Corgi in Hong Kong. It featured a rotating turret, flexible tracks, an excellent camouflage scheme, union flag stickers on the sides and a working gun operated by pushing down the base of the aerial mounting. 12 plastic shells were provided and surprisingly quite a few seem to appear at auction complete with all the shells. I'd have expected these to be mainly lost. Mine always disappeared very quickly!

The Tank Transporter gift set was produced until 1978 and sold 219,000 units.

SO WHEN IS A TOY, NOT JUST A TOY?

I hope you have enjoyed this short review of the big Mack R and the history surrounding both the real truck and the Corgi models. When you take a closer look behind most diecast toys there is a story that is perhaps not initially obvious. I think this is part of the fascination behind collecting old toys and so to once again coin that well-known advertising slogan that refers to a completely different type of Big Mack; 'I'm Lovin' It'. I hope you are too! **DC**



▲ Saving the best until last? Military enthusiasts would certainly say so. The No 1154 cab was coupled to the GS27 low loader trailer, both suitably camouflaged, and carried the No 901 Centurion MkIII tank.

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THE SUPERFAST ERA

1991

Mike Pigott continues his series on the Matchbox 1-75 range. This time we look at the new models released in 1991.

In 1991, the Universal era of Matchbox was nearing its end. Production had transferred from Macau to mainland China and cost-cutting was evident; none of the models this year had a diecast chassis or moving parts. However, the ten new items released in 1991 were generally good models, and certainly included an interesting mix of road cars, racing cars, commercial vehicles and – for the first time in several years – classic cars.

15 CORVETTE GRAND SPORT

| Replaced: Peugeot 205 Turbo 15
| Superseded by: Ford Transit (1996)
| Scale: 1/58

The Corvette Grand Sport was created in 1962 as a purpose-built racer to compete in International Grand Touring races. Although it looked similar to a 1963 Corvette Stingray, it had a special lightweight frame made of aluminium, fibreglass body panels and light magnesium wheels. Unfortunately, production was stopped after only five examples had been built – two convertibles and three coupes – and as a result, the Grand Sports are the rarest Corvettes of all.

The Matchbox model is based on one of the closed coupes, and is a fairly accurate model. The base is black plastic and incorporates the side exhaust pipes. The interior is all chrome, possibly to represent the aluminium components used in the real car, while the windows are clear. The thick Superfast wheels are actually the right size for this vehicle.

The initial livery is quite accurate and based on one of the original Grand Sports. It is painted metallic mid-blue with a white stripe along the top, which tapers outwards at the nose, and has '15' racing decals. In 1993 it was recoloured white with a red stripe, but when Tyco took over Matchbox, it appeared in some pretty silly colour schemes, such as fluorescent orange with a tyre-tread design printed along the top.

27 MB TRAC 1600 TURBO

| Replaced: Jeep Cherokee
| Superseded by: Tailgator (1994)
| Revived: 1999
| Scale: 1/77

The MB Trac was the first tractor produced by Mercedes-Benz. It was largely based on the 4WD Unimog, but with a tractor-style body. However, when first released in 1973, it was very different

to conventional tractors. The cab was mounted between the axles, and the four driving wheels were all the same size. MB Tracs were very powerful tractors that could drive at surprisingly high speeds when on public roads.

The Matchbox version was based on the big MB Trac 1600 Turbo, and was the first new tractor in the range since Ford Tractor and Harrow in 1979. It was accurately finished in the MB Trac colours of two-tone pea green and olive green. For a large model it was rather light, as only the cab, bonnet sides and rear deck were diecast. The cab roof was a separate diecast part, but unfortunately the cab was unglazed. The wheel arches, steps and interior were made from one olive plastic component, while the grille and bonnet top – including the exhaust pipe and air cleaner – were another. There was also a black plastic sub-chassis. The wheels were unique to this model and were fitted with soft rubber tyres.

MB Trac 1600 Turbo only remained in the Matchbox range for three years, but it was continued to appear in various farm-themed Two Packs and gift sets for several more years.

33 MERCEDES-BENZ 500 SL

| Replaced: Mercury Sable Wagon
| Superseded by: Ford Mondeo (1995)
| Scale: 1/59

The second Mercedes-Benz released this year was

- 1 Corvette Grand Sport.
- 2 MB Trac 1600 Turbo.
- 3 Nissan 300ZX.
- 4 Mercedes-Benz 500SL.





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a very different type of vehicle. This was Mercedes-Benz 500 SL, based on the German company's flagship roadster. Matchbox chose to model the convertible version, which had a powerful 5-litre V-8 engine.

While the model captured the attractive lines of the real car, it didn't replicate the quality. It was an incredibly lightweight model, as only the upper body was diecast. The chassis was plastic, and included the bumpers and the bodywork up to the car's waistline. The interior was in dark blue plastic, and the windscreen was clear. There was no tampo printing at all, although the windscreen A-pillars were touched up with silver paint to match the body colour. In 1993, the model was recoloured white with a brown interior, this time with the front indicators and tail lights touched in, and '500 SL' decals on the doors.

37 NISSAN 300 ZX

| Replaced: Ford Escort Cabriolet

| Superseded by: Not replaced

| Scale: 1/58

This was the fourth Nissan Z-car to appear in the Matchbox range; the previous ones being the 260Z, 280ZX and the previous generation 300ZX released in 1987. It was an attractive model that captured the curvy looks of the real car. The body was painted yellow, with '300ZX' printed on the doors, while the door pillars and rear panel were mask sprayed black. The base was black plastic and the interior was white. The glazing was smoke tinted, and included the headlights, which appeared a bit too dark.

Like many cars of this era, it appeared in a number of silly colour schemes over the next few years, including one particularly awful one of black with white paint spatter and a neon pink interior.

39 MACK CH600

| Replaced: BMW 323i Cabriolet

| Superseded by: Mercedes-Benz 600 SEL

| Scale: 1/97

This was a model of the new Mack CH600, a powerful, bonneted American semi-tractor. Like most of the semi-trucks in the Matchbox series

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1992, just one year after this range was released, the Matchbox name was to change hands again.

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However, the ten new items released in 1991 were generally good models and certainly included an interesting mix...

it was created for the Convoy range where it was paired with various trailers, but it was briefly released in the 1-75 range as a solo item. The Matchbox model included a sleeper with an aerodyne spoiler. The body was painted white with red and black stripes. The diecast chassis frame was black, while the sub-chassis, bumper and fuel tanks were in silver-grey plastic. The interior was chrome and included the grille, lights and exhaust stack. Mack CH600 was only in the Matchbox series for one year, but was a major player in the Convoy range and appeared in dozens of different liveries over the next few years.

5 Vauxhall Cavalier.

6 Mack CH600.

7 Model T Ford Van.

41 VAUXHALL CAVALIER / OPEL VECTRA GSi 2000

Replaced: Racing Porsche

Superseded by: Sunburner (1992)

Scale: 1/59

This model was based on the Vauxhall Cavalier Mk III which was sold in Britain, or the Opel Vectra A, as it was known in the rest of Europe...

hence the double name. Technically, the Matchbox model was a Vauxhall, as it was a right-hand drive, and it was based on the top-of-the-line GSi 2000 version. It was painted metallic red, with a light grey interior and clear windows. The base was black plastic and incorporated the rear number plate panel. There were no tampos printed details, although the headlights were touched in with silver paint.

While it was a reasonably accurate replica, it was not a particularly exciting model and only remained in the range for a year.

44 MODEL T FORD VAN

Replaced: Skoda 130 LR

Superseded by: Ford Probe GT (1994)

Scale: 1/52

The Model T Ford Van was introduced as a replacement for the earlier Model A Ford Van, which had been in the range since 1983. The Model A had proven incredibly popular as a promotional model, having been released in hundreds of different liveries, and was much sought-after by collectors who strived to acquire every variation. It was hoped that the Model T Van would repeat that success, and while it was produced in a fair number of promotional liveries, it never proved as successful as the Model A Van.

It was based on a 1921 vehicle, and had significantly different bodywork to the larger Model T Van in the Models of Yesteryear range. The body was diecast and painted yellow, and included the bench seats, with the roof as a separate metal part, painted red. The chassis and fenders were in dark blue plastic, and despite this it was a fairly heavy model. The grille and headlights were chrome plastic and there was a separate, clear windscreen. The one-piece, spoked plastic wheels were unique to this model. It was finished in the livery of Bird's Custard Powder, although the design looked a little modern for a 1921 vehicle.

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In 1993 it was recoloured light blue with a black roof and advertising for Goodyear Tyres. Following this, it was deleted from the 1-75 range, but continued to be used as a promotional model until 2011.

54 CHEVROLET LUMINA

Replaced: Airport Foam Monitor

Superseded by: Mazda Rx-7 (1994)
Scale: 1/66

The Chevrolet Lumina was a large, front wheel drive American sedan produced during the 1990s. However, Matchbox's version was based on the NASCAR racing version of the Lumina, which shared a name and very little else with the road car. The model was painted dark blue, with team decals for the fictitious 'Matchbox Motorsports' and '35' racing numbers in yellow and red. The interior was in silver-grey plastic, and included roll bars and window nets. Glazing was in clear plastic and had braces on the front and rear windscreens. The base was black plastic, and the thick wheels had 'Goodyear' logos stamped on them. In 1993, the colour was changed to fluorescent green, but still with the same 'Matchbox' livery.

Chevrolet Lumina formed the basis of the licensed 'Days of Thunder' range in 1991, which was based on the NASCAR-themed film starring Tom Cruise. There were five different models based on the colourful racing cars seen in the movie. There was also a large range of authentic NASCAR models commissioned by third-party companies. Due to the popularity of the Lumina, two more NASCAR stockers were introduced to the 1-75 range in 1993.

69 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE TRUCK

Replaced: Volvo 480ES
Superseded by: Not Replaced
Scale: 1/83

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8 Chevrolet Lumina.

9 Highway Maintenance Truck.

10 Sprint Racer.

Based on a Chevrolet, Highway Maintenance Truck is large American utility vehicle fitted with a snow plough and a grit spreader. The model is painted yellow, with a black plastic base. The plough and grit bed are in yellow plastic, while the windows and dome light are in amber; frosted to disguise the lack of an interior moulding. Presumably this truck was used for clearing airport runways, as it had 'International Airport Authority' printed on each door.

Despite being a rather 'plastic' model, it proved enormously successful, and can still be found in shops today. It has appeared in dozens of different liveries over the years.

72 SPRINT RACER

Replaced: Ford Supervan II
Superseded by: '62 Corvette (1993)
Scale: 1/55

Sprint Car Racing is a type of motorsport popular in the USA and Australia, which involves driving small, powerful cars around an oval dirt track.

They are unusual looking cars, with angular front ends and rounded tails, but what is most distinctive are the massive, winged spoilers over the drivers' cockpit, plus a smaller wing over the nose.

The Matchbox model is finished in bright red with the base and front bumper in black plastic.

There is a large, asymmetrical spoiler over the driver's seat, with racing number '2' and the car's name, 'Rollin' Thunder' in chromed plastic. Another smaller spoiler is mounted over the front wheels.

In the cockpit is a rather crude driver figure in white plastic (not visible in our picture).

The car is fitted with slick Goodyear wheels on the front, and larger 'Specials' wheels at rear.

As with Chevrolet Lumina, a whole range of Sprint Racers in authentic liveries were commissioned by an outside company. **DC**

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THE DAF DAFFODIL

Eric Bryan investigates vintage Lion Car models and more.

1 Note the tiny grille, silver hubs and white tyres on this minty red DAF 600. Beside it is a DAF 44 with cast headlamps and 'daf' bonnet logo, in excellent condition. This lot sold for £35. *Photo by Vectis.*

2 The six-nut hubs on this DAF 750 Pick-up denote a later release. The 750's grille is a bit wider than the 600's. The type of box pictured was for the Pick-up only. This model sold for £60. *Photo by Vectis.*

3 The sure identifier of a DAF 31 is its wide, smooth, double-layer grille, visible here. This excellent model, accompanied by its second-type box, sold for £40 at auction. *Photo by Vectis.*

▼ Cover of the 1965 Daffodil brochure, as released in The Netherlands.

Famed for its massive long-haul lorries, DAF - Van Doorne Automobielfabriek (Van Doorne's Automobile Factory) - also produced compact and small family cars from 1959 to 1974 and all were Variomatics, being fitted with DAF's continuously variable transmission. In the Variomatic, instead of a gearbox and drivetrain, the rear wheels are turned by two rubber belts.

DAF's main principle for the cars was ease of operation. Variomatics provided this by offering the driver two gears: forward, and reverse! In 1975, DAF sold its automobile manufacturing operation to Volvo, and from then on focused on producing trucks and transmissions.

The DAF 30, 31, and 32 were also known as the Daffodil. These little cars were available as saloons, vans and pickups, and were exported to Germany and the UK. The name Daffodil is a combination of DAF and krokodil (crocodile), as the front of the car evoked the reptile's face: the dipping bonnet made the headlamps appear raised, like a pair of crocodile's eyes, and the grille looked like a wide, grinning mouth. These cars also had an emblem of a daffodil on the centre of the steering wheel.

I was introduced to the Daffodil through a

1971 Italian B-film, *The Devil Has Seven Faces*, which features a DAF 31 in some scenes. The car's unusual shape and overall charm inspired further investigation.

LION CAR

Founded in Wassenaar in 1946 by Arie van Leeuwen, Lion Car started by producing O and HO scale model railways then started manufacturing its 1/43 scale DAF model cars in parallel with actual DAF production, beginning with the 600 all the way to the 66. DAF dealerships even kept samples of the Lion Cars on hand, specially painted in the true DAF colours, as guides for potential buyers.

The first-type Lion Car DAF box is sky blue with a yellow band, and a black end flap. The second-type box is white, yellow and black, with a blue illustration and end, or a red illustration and end. The third-type box is yellow and black, with a red end.

Unless otherwise noted, the Lion Car DAF models usually had silver-painted bumpers, grilles, and headlamps (until the maker switched to jewelled headlights); and red or yellow painted tail lights.

LION CAR DAF 600 TO DAF 33

The Lion Car DAF 600 (No LC-29) beat DAF to

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the punch by going into production in 1958; the real car wasn't available until 1959. Early editions of the 600 have tinplate chassis without any detailing, and some examples are without window glazing. Subsequent models feature details of the Variomatic system on the baseplate. (This Variomatic detailing continued on following DAF Lion Car models.) From 1960 on, 600s had diecast bottom-plates. Early baseplates read '600' or 'D.A.F. 600'; later ones, 'D.A.F.' Other particulars include the stylised 'daf' logo cast onto the down-swept boot and bonnet. The 600 had no interior and is easily distinguishable from later models by its small, narrow grille, which gives even the real car a toy-like appearance. Known colours include yellow, red, green, blue, and cream; the latter two are noted to be scarce. A promotional model in red, with white Heineken lettering on the roof, was distributed in America, and is so rare that only one example has so far been traced.

The DAF 750 Pick-up (LC-31), released in 1960 (again before the real vehicle was available), is the small-truck version of the DAF 750 car. Known colours include dark blue, red, yellow, grey, cream, green, dark green, and maroon. The Pick-up has the cast 'daf' bonnet logo. It has smooth hubs in silver or light grey (later models have the new-style hub, which has six cast knobs to emulate wheel nuts); and white, cream, or yellow interior. The 750 Pick-up has a ribbed cargo bed, and was offered both with and without a tin tilt which is usually painted a very pale green, but which also exists in grey.

Some examples of Pick-ups, which have lost their tilts, have been fitted with reproductions. This model's bottom-plate reads 'D.A.F. 750' or 'daffodil'. The 750 Pick-up was rereleased in 1970 (LC-46-A) with sometimes a DAF 33 baseplate. The Pick-up was issued in its own type of box, which was yellow with a red band at one end.

The DAF 30 (LC-30-A) was introduced in 1963 and represents a 1961 Daffodil. Known colours are yellow, red, and green, and interior colours include red, and white. The 30 has smooth hubs painted silver or red. Early, now very rare, editions were produced without an interior. The body of the 30 continues with the down-swept bonnet and boot of the 600, with the cast 'daf' logos. The 30 differs from the 600 in that its grille is wide, with vertical bars creating the impression of a toothy grin. Some

examples have a light grey-painted grille and wheel hubs. The 30's bottom-plate can read 'daffodil' or 'D.A.F. 750'.

The DAF 31 (LC-30-B) was presented in 1964 and is a model of a 1963 Daffodil. It is known to exist in red, and yellow, and had smooth hubs, usually painted silver. Though having the same basic body as the 30, the 31's grille is without the vertical 'teeth'. Also, the rear of the roof is angular on the 31, and rounded on the 30. There is a special edition gold plated DAF 31, made to celebrate DAF's milestone of 100,000 cars produced. With a green laurel wreath painted on the roof, this edition has a special commemorative box. Two-thousand units of this model were produced, to be issued to all Lion Car employees.

There are other DAF 31s, which, at that point, Lion Car decided to also spray in gold paint. As these were painted over existing finishes, the gold is of a darker hue than that of the commemorative editions, and these cars don't have the wreath image on the roof. The 31 carried on with the 'daf' logo cast onto boot and bonnet. The baseplate is known to read 'daffodil'. The 31 was sold in the second-type box.

The DAF 32 (LC-30-C) was produced from 1966, and represents a 1965 Daffodil. It exists in red, green, and yellow, with known interior colours being white, and yellow. The 32 is the last of the Lion Car DAFs released in the second-type box. The 32's body design departs from that of its predecessors. The slope of bonnet and boot are much shallower and more traditional, and the nose is changed, with thin horizontal strips immediately above the grille proper.

The cast 'daf' bonnet logo continued on the 32, and while some examples have the smooth hubs (occasionally painted red), others are fitted with the newer type of six-nut hub. This style of hub was used on the Lion Car models from this point on. The 32 is known to have a baseplate reading 'daffodil'.

New for 1967 was the DAF 33 (LC-33-C), which was released in red, beige, yellow, green, white, and blue. Interior colours include white, and grey. The 33 was the first Lion Car DAF with jewelled headlamps, and the first marketed in the third-type yellow box. Some 33s have the 'daf' logo cast on the bonnet, and some don't. The 33's bottom-plate reads 'DAF 33', but some examples have the 32 baseplate reading 'daffodil'.

The Lion Car 33 has one strip above the grille, with

4 A mint example of the gold commemorative edition of the DAF 31. Note the green wreath image on the roof. With its original commemorative box, this model realised £320. Photo by Vectis.

5 A DAF 30, with its first-type box. The 30 was the first DAF car to be called the Daffodil, due to its wide 'toothy' crocodile-grin-like grille. The box art however, depicts a 600. Beside the 30 is a DAF 55C, with its third-type box. No 'daf' bonnet logo on this model means it is the first type, produced before 1972. This lot realised £90. Photo by Vectis.

FURTHER INFORMATION

SOME DAF RALLY HISTORY

HOW did these Dutch 'rubber-band'-driven cars perform in competition? From 1961 on, DAF cars competed in rallies worldwide. These included the Monte Carlo Rally, Coupe des Alpes, Acropolis Rally and Tulip Rally. DAF cars racked up a number of distinguished class wins. In 1968, a DAF 55 was the group 2 winner in the Coupe des Alpes, and a DAF 55 took third place overall in the 1969 Acropolis Rally. Two other 55s became famous for completing the punishing 1968 London-to-Sydney Marathon. (Lion Toys made a 1993 25th anniversary edition of a DAF 55, issued in Dutch National DAF Team, London-to-Sydney Marathon paintwork.)



6 You'll notice that the DAF 32, shown here, doesn't share the down-swept boot and bonnet of the 31, 30, and 600. The 32 has thin horizontal strips (painted silver here) just above the grille. This example, with smooth hubs and a mismatched (early-style DAF 44) box, fetched £50 at auction. *Photo by Vectis.*

7 The Lion Car DAF 33 has a single strip above the grille, with a badge over the strip to the left side of the car. Note the bare six-nut hubs and the absence of the 'daf' bonnet logo on this excellent example, which realised £140. *Photo by Vectis.*

a cast badge over the strip to the left side of the car. To further differentiate between the 33 and the 32 (if the 33 in question has a 32 bottom-plate), jewelled headlights will denote a 33, and no cast 'daf' bonnet logo will point to the model being a 33 (while remembering that some 33s did have the logo).

(**Note:** Some collectors debate the particulars that differentiate a Lion Car 33 from a 32. However, 33s fitted with 32 'daffodil' baseplates, causing those examples to sometimes be mistaken for 32s, would account for much of the confusion. Dutch collector Stephan Smits points out that the Lion Cars 33 master model was based on that of the 32, altered to reflect the details of the real 1967 DAF 33. He notes that small refinements might have been made in stages, possibly accounting for some differences in castings.)

LION CAR DAF 44 TO DAF 66SL

The DAF 44 (LC-44) was released in 1968. Early versions have cast headlights and are rare. Later releases have jewelled headlamps, and sometimes silver-painted hubs. The 44 is known to exist in orange, red, beige, silver, green, blue, and cream. Interior colours include white, and brown. Cast-headlamp versions came in a box with 'DAF 44' in black lettering on a yellow background; jewelled-headlight models were sold in a box with 'DAF 44' in black and white, framed within a black and white box.

(Possibly there was some overlap, i.e., an old model in a new box and/or a new model in an old box.)

Some examples have the 'daf' logo on the bonnet, and others don't. The 44's baseplate reads 'DAF 44'. From 1970 on, the DAF Lion Cars have a rear-view mirror and wipers moulded into the windscreen.

The DAF 44 STC Stationcar (estate, LC-41), new for 1970, has jewelled headlamps, and bare or silver hubs. Colours include green, red, blue, butterscotch, orange, and grey. Known interior colours are tan, cream, and black. This model is the first Lion Car DAF to have an opening feature: the rear hatch. The hatches are delicate and often broken, and sometimes have been replaced with a repro part. This model's bottom-plate reads 'DAF STC'. Some releases have the 'daf' logo on the bonnet, and others don't.

The DAF 55C Coupé (LC-42-B) was introduced in 1970. Colours include yellow, maroon, green, red, orange, and cream. Known interior colours are white. With jewelled headlamps, the 55C often has bare hubs, and the grille can be black, silver, or body coloured. The baseplate reads 'DAF55C.' However, some examples have the DAF STC bottom-plate.

There is a Camel-DAF Racing Team rally version of the 55C in yellow with an Esso emblem on the bonnet, and competition number 1 on the doors, which was issued in a special box. This edition was modelled on the car of driver Jan de Rooij, and is

FURTHER INFORMATION

DAF HISTORY

DAF'S origins go back to 1928, with Hubertus and Willem van Doorne's machine and repair shop in Eindhoven, North Brabant. As they expanded into trailer manufacture in 1932, they became Van Doorne's Aanhangwagenfabriek (Doorne's Trailer Factory, DAF). Due to DAF's development of its featherweight semi-trailer with its fifth-wheel coupling, business boomed.

In 1935 DAF initiated its Trado system, which enabled the conversion of 4x2 trucks into 6x4 off-road vehicles. Many military trucks were converted from 4x2 to 6x4 with Trado retrofits. DAF went on to create the demountable rail container system, an early form of the now globally used container method of shipping, in 1936.

As DAF edged toward lorry manufacture, it changed its name to Van Doorne's Automobielfabriek in 1948, and presented its first truck prototypes in 1949. Production of the A-30, A-50 and A-60 lorries began in 1950, requiring factory expansion. Through the early 1950s, DAF provided 4x4, 6x4 and 6x6 military trucks to the Dutch Army. Commercial lorry production grew through the decade.

DAF introduced a long-haul tractor-trailer in 1962, the 2600 Series, making DAF a market leader in international haulage. DAF expanded production into Westerlo, Belgium in 1965, and presented many truck models throughout the 1960s and 1970s. In the 1980s, DAF collaborated with British Leyland on vans and lorries, culminating in the DAF takeover of Leyland.

In 1996 American truck-maker PACCAR acquired DAF, and DAF began exports to Australia in 1999. The DAF LF Series was named International Truck of the Year for 2002. Leyland assembles and designs DAF trucks in England, and as of 2012, DAF also manufactures in Brazil. ■



hard to find in mint condition. There is also a yellow version with the Lions Club logo on the roof. The 55C was released again in 1972 (as LC-40-A), this variation having the 'daf' logo cast onto the bonnet.

The DAF B Bestelauto (LC-39), a van based on the DAF 33, was released in 1971. This model's colours include red, blue, cream, and white, with white, yellow, or red interior. Usually with silver-painted hubs, the DAF B has jewelled headlamps. The Bestelauto was produced in many promotional liveries such as GTI, REMIA, and DESSO. The bottom-plate of the Bestelauto reads 'DAFB'.

The DAF 46 (LC-46-B) was introduced in 1974. Colours include beige, green, red, white, and orange-red. Known interior colours are ivory. The 46 is of basically the same casting as the 44, but with a slightly recast baseplate which is known to read 'DAF 46'. The 46 was made both with and without the 'daf' logo on the bonnet.

The DAF 66SL Coupé (LC-40-B), issued in 1974, has '66SL' cast into the front wings, and the 'daf' logo on the bonnet. Colours include brown, cream, yellow, green, butterscotch, maroon, and red, with white interior. The grille, which has a DAF logo cast into the centre, is known to be in silver or black, while the hubs are usually bare. The 66SL bottom-plate reads 'DAF coupé'.

FURTHER LION CAR NOTES

Flaws of Lion Car models include ill-fitting or loose window glazing, usually most evident at the top edge of the windscreen. Broken-off steering wheels are a common complaint, mainly on the pre-1970s models.

Collectors should be aware of Lion Car reissues, produced after the year 2000. You can identify some of these models by the bottom-plate, which has 'NA 2000' cast in. However, examples of the 44, 44 STC, 66SL, and 46 reissues exist without 'NA 2000' cast in. Some reissue clues to watch for are thick paintwork, no cast 'daf' logo on the bonnet, and more precisely painted bumpers and details than on the vintage models. Also look for suspiciously bright and crisp baseplate rivets and wheel hubs (the latter with a raised centre ring). These new

8 The 44 STC was the first Lion Car DAF with a working feature - an opening rear hatch. This very nice example with the 'daf' bonnet logo and a mismatched second-type box, sold for £45. *Photo by Vectis.*

9 This mint DAF B, a van based on the DAF 33, with chromed hubs and its third-type box, auctioned for £120. *Photo by Vectis.*

10 An excellent DAF B and third-type box, which sold for £45. *Photo by Vectis.*

FURTHER INFORMATION

THE DAF CARS

- **DAF 600** – Debuted at the 1958 Amsterdam Motor Show, the four-seat 600 had a front-mounted 590cc air-cooled two-cylinder (flat twin) engine of 22 hp, giving a top speed of 57 mph.
- **DAF 750** – Daffodil (DAF 30): Premiering in 1961, the 750 was an upgrade from the 600, with an air-cooled 30 hp 746cc two-cylinder motor, and a 65 mph maximum speed. The Daffodil was basically a 750 with extra chrome, a different grille (introducing the 'crocodile's mouth'), and more lavish fittings.
- **Daffodil (DAF 31)** – New for 1963, this Daffodil shared the power plant and performance of the previous model, but had a new body designed by Giovanni Michelotti, an upgraded interior, and 13-inch wheels.
- **Daffodil (DAF 32)** – Introduced in 1965, the 32 retained the mechanics and performance of the 31, but had a boxier body, again designed by Michelotti.
- **DAF 32 S** – The 1966 rally version of the standard 32, the 32 S had a 763cc engine with a modified carburettor and enlarged air-cleaner, giving the car a twenty-percent power increase to 36 hp, and a 75 mph top speed. DAF produced 500 of these cars.
- **DAF 33** – Brought out in 1967, the 33 had basically the same body as the 32, but at this point DAF officially dropped the Daffodil name. Fitted with a 32 hp 746cc motor, the 33 could go to 70 mph.
- **DAF 44** – Presented in 1966 with a Michelotti-designed body, the 44 initiated DAF's series of larger cars. Its two-cylinder 844cc air-cooled engine produced 40 hp, giving a top speed of 76 mph.
- **DAF 46** – The 46, introduced in 1974, succeeded the 44. With the same engine and maximum speed of the 44, the 46 had a Dion rear axle driven by one belt.
- **DAF 55** – Carrying on the body style of the 44, the 1967 55 had a Renault 1108cc water-cooled four-cylinder motor. This gave the car 50 hp and an 85 mph top speed.
- **DAF 66** – In 1972, the 66 continued with the 1108cc power plant, but was fitted with a Dion rear axle with leaf springs and a differential. The 66 had performance similar to that of the 55. ■

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editions were released in Lion Toys window boxes, and in reproductions of the third-type Lion Car boxes. Reissues of the 750 Pick-up were sold in reproductions of the yellow and red box.

BEST BOX, FRENCH DINKY TOYS, NOREV AND PLAYART

Another Dutch manufacturer, Best Box, produced a DAF 600 Sedan (No 501) to about 1/64 scale. Introduced in 1963, this model is known to exist in green, orange, yellow, red, grey, and blue. Early versions have a light grey or blue baseplate without detail, reading 'DAF 600'. Subsequent releases have a bare, black, or blue bottom-plate (also reading 'DAF 600') with impressive detail at this scale, including cast-in portions of the Variomatic system. Usually found with grey or silver plastic wheels, this tiny model has clear glazing, and even includes the cast 'daf' logo on the bonnet and boot.

French Dinky made a Daffodil model in the form of a DAF 32 (No 508). This 1/43 scale car, introduced in 1966, features opening doors, jewelled headlights, folding seat backs, and a figure. Known colours are cream, deep red, and bronze. Interior colours include red, and ivory. It has clear glazing, with moulded mirror and wipers, and painted taillights. The Dinky has suspension, cast 'daf' bonnet logo, and the baseplate has the Variomatic system and other detailing represented. The bottom-plate

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▲ This is a replica of the ultra-scarce Heineken Lion Car DAF 600, from the Stephan Smits collection. Photo courtesy of Stephan Smits.

11 A Best Box DAF 600 in the Deventer Toy Museum, the Netherlands, at approximately 1/64 scale. Photo courtesy of Speelgoedmuseum Deventer.

12 The French Dinky DAF 32. With suspension, jewelled lights, opening doors, folding seatbacks and a driver figure, this Dinky is the most feature-rich vintage Daffodil model. This near-mint example realised £80. Photo by Vectis.

13 An excellent example of the Playart DAF 32, which fetched £52 at auction.

identifies the model simply as 'DAF'.

Norev produced a 1/43 scale DAF 30 Daffodil (No 31) in the 1960s. Body colours include red, blue, pale blue, white, and pale turquoise. Some interior colours are brown, black, white, beige, grey, and possibly yellow. This plastic model has an opening boot (which is delicate and often found to be broken or misshapen), moulded-in windscreen wipers, 'daf' logo on the bonnet, and 'daffodil' lettering on the rear wings. This Norev has the full 'crocodile' grille, and front and rear number plates. The plastic bottom-plate of this model reads 'DAFFODIL'.

Playart of Hong Kong produced a DAF 32 model (No 7159) in the 1970s to about 1/64 scale. Sold on 'FASTWHEEL' blister cards, colours include yellow, green, pink, lime green, cream, metallic green, metallic red, metallic blue, and orange. The baseplate reads 'DAF'. Fitted with oversized five-spoke wheels, this DAF is considered to be one of the scarcest Playart models. Playart cars were sold through HEMA department stores in the Netherlands, a connection that perhaps influenced the maker's choice to produce a DAF miniature. Models in excellent condition can sell for £30 to £50, while mint-on-card examples command upwards of £100.

RECENT AND CURRENT DAF CAR MODELS

Thanks partly due to the rally successes, interest in models of DAF cars continues to this day. Some current and recent 1/43 scale DAF car models include a DAF 30 from Norev, and a DAF 33 de Luxe and DAF 55 1972 Rally Monte Carlo from Ixo. All of these are diecast. Matrix and Neo offer a range of DAF cars in resin, from a 1958 DAF 600 to a 1972 DAF 33.

Breaking news: At the time of writing, Neo had just announced an upcoming model of a DAF 55 Marathon in yellow (No NEO43340). **DC**

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FURTHER INFORMATION

THE DAF VARIOMATIC SYSTEM

IN the Variomatic, the engine powers a bevel drive (under the rear seat), which rotates two output shafts, each spinning a V-belt. In turn, each V-belt powers one of the back wheels.

Each V-belt runs on a pair of pulleys, with each pulley consisting of two conical pieces which slide away from and toward each other via centrifugal weights and engine vacuum. The movement of the cones alters the inside diameter of the pulleys, causing the belts to turn at different speeds, creating step-less, continually-variable gear ratios.

Most of the Variomatics had no differential, because the two diving belts, each turning an individual swing-axle, operated like a limited-slip differential. Should one belt break, you could drive your DAF home or to a repair service on the remaining belt. ■



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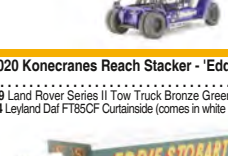
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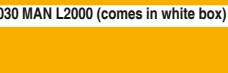
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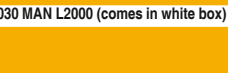
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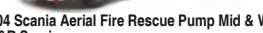
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LANCIA STRATOS

The undisputed king of the rally scene in the seventies, Lancia's Stratos, is still revered today by many fans. **Francisco Mota** gets a few scale models together that represent some of the most relevant stages of this iconic car. **Photos by João Carlos Oliveira**



Even if you have only a passing interest in rally history, chances are that you've heard a lot about the Lancia Stratos. This was the first prototype specifically designed to compete on rally stages, featuring all the technical and practical solutions needed to be effective on the roughest terrains of the World Rally Championship. It was mainly used by the factory Lancia team, from 1973 to 1977, but there were also other teams brave enough to enter one of these outlandishly styled machines in various rally and race events. It had a tumultuous race life though: once the darling of the Fiat Group, it became an inconvenience when the group's marketing department decided it was better to promote more standard looking road cars. But it still took a while to take the old lion down, once Fiat had lost interest in it. Something that we'll get back to in more detail.

It all started with a Bertone concept car, revealed at the 1970 Turin Motorshow. This was a pure "dream car" that was made to amaze people who went to see it in the flesh, there was never any intention to do anything remotely close to it for road use, or even motorsport. Nuccio Bertone styled an incredible wedge shaped machine named Stratos (from stratosphere), featuring impossibly low bodywork and a windscreen that also served as the only door to give access to the cockpit. Driver and passenger would step over the nose of the car, open the enormous glass door, hinged at the rear, and sit close to the floor. Pedals were forward of the front wheels, spare wheel placed behind

1 It all started as a Bertone concept car for the 1970 Turin Motorshow. The Stratos Zero, left, became the first Stratos road car prototype, right, the year after.

2 Premium X modelled the Stratos Zero with great precision. Note the side windows and the Bertone logo.

3 Rear end design evolved from a futuristic concept to a still outlandish look. Both models by Premium X.



▲ Large double exhaust is clearly visible on the Zero.



▲ The engine cover had an interesting triangular shape.

seat backrests and the engine was mid-mounted, in longitudinal position, driving the rear wheels. Side windows were minimal, engine cover was a space age style triangular shape and the rear view left part of the mechanical components naked. The Stratos Zero, as it was retrospectively named, was actually a running prototype.

Bertone was trying to get Lancia to build something along the lines of this small supercar but someone saw it from a different angle. Cesare Fiorio, Lancia Rally Team leader, desperately needed a replacement for the ageing Fulvia HF and convinced his management to have a closer look at the Stratos show car. A meeting was held between Bertone, Fiorio and Lancia's CEO, Ugo Gobbato, and they all agree that the basic layout, mid-engine and rear wheel drive, was a good starting point, but work needed to be done regarding styling, driver's seat and access to the car, both to the cockpit and engine bay. Bertone went back to the drawing board and, after a few weeks, presented Lancia with a shorter prototype with more ground clearance, complete with two conventional doors and two big bonnets, one at both ends. Wheelbase and track were left virtually unchanged, and the engine still sat in the middle, but this time transversely. The cockpit was much narrower than in a regular saloon and door pockets deep enough to carry a crash helmet. The windscreen was inspired by a helmet visor, giving panoramic views of the road ahead plus, because the wedge shape made for a very low front end, pop-up





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▲ Fabulous rear wing and roof spoiler by HPI Racing.



▲ Usual excellent Minichamps detailing.

4 The first road car by Minichamps (left) and HPI Racing (right).

5 Three wins in a row at the Montecarlo, all by Minichamps, from '75 to '77, right to left.



headlamps were a necessity. Structurally speaking, the Stratos had a monocoque, with a box-type rear end and the rear window surround working as a roll-bar. Some 60% of total weight was supported by the rear wheels, to obtain maximum traction. Early road versions had no aerodynamic addenda but from late 1974 a front spoiler, roof deflector and rear wing were introduced on the rally version, to balance the aerodynamics.

FERRARI V6 ENGINE

That left the choice of engine, a very easy task when some work had already been done in co-operation with Ferrari, using the Dino 246 V6 2.4 litre, delivering 270 bhp. In 1971, the first Stratos prototype was presented and it featured more or less all the design features that would make it famous. Proof that this was a special programme was the fact that only a year later, the car made its rally debut on the 1972 Tour de Corse, even if it failed to finish due to suspension problems. Sandro Munari, the driver most associated with the Stratos, said at the time that the car was very unpredictable on tarmac and difficult to drive. The problem would eventually be solved with more rigid rear suspension and modified steering column mountings. In 1973, Munari won the Stratos' first event, the Firestone Rally, and a few weeks later a much more important result was achieved, a second place in the 1973 Targa Florio, with Andruet sharing the wheel with Munari and only beaten by Müller/van Lennep's Porsche Carrera RSR. None of the Ferrari



▲ Front end headlights on 1975 Montecarlo winner, by Minichamps.



▲ Windscreen shape was inspired by a helmet visor.



▲ The road car's golden rims were also used for some rallies.

▼ Wedge shaped profile was a trademark of the Stratos, here in the purest of forms.

312Ps and Alfa Romeo 33TT12s finished the race. Later in the year, Munari would clinch the Stratos' first big event win, in the French classic Tour de France Auto. The season ended with two DNF in the Giro D'Italia but Munari's results were enough for him to win the European Rally Championship.

When the Stratos finally received Group 4 homologation, for the 1974 season, it very nearly didn't race at all. The energy crisis hit hard and the last thing that rally organizers wanted was to ignore what was going on around them, so many events were simply cancelled, mainly those scheduled for the beginning of the year. This was not necessary bad news for Lancia, as 1974 was meant to be a transition year, from the Fulvia to the Stratos. The year saw several wins and good results for the Stratos in second tier events, both tarmac and gravel, showing its versatility. For instance, the Targa Florio, now a rally in the Italian championship, was won by Larrouse. The first WRC event in 1974 that Stratos entered as a Group 4 was the Sanremo rally and it couldn't have started better. Munari dominated from start to finish, gaining an advantage of eight minutes by the end, even with a four-minute penalty, beating a squad of no less than seven Fiat 124 Abarth's. Munari would win in Canada - the second entered WRC event and the second win for the Stratos - followed by a fourth place in the USA and third on the RAC. And they went straight to the last event, the Tour de Corse, that year run in November. Five 124 Abarth's against two Stratos. Andruet's Lancia won the event and the

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Concept car turned rally hero

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team conquered the crown.

For 1975, the most obvious change was the main sponsor, with Italian national airline Alitalia replacing Marlboro. Some said, afterwards, that Lancia had truly taken off once it had stopped smoking... Jokes apart, Lancia's Stratos was about to enter its golden era.

GOLDEN YEARS

The first rally in 1975 was the Montecarlo, that Munari duly won, under adverse weather conditions that put out his two team mates in the same stretch of iced road.

Munari had at his disposal no less than six different types of tyre, designed by Pirelli, especially for that event at the request of Lancia. Next was the Swedish rally, which Björn Waldegård won with ease in his Stratos, having tested in the region one month earlier. A tyre expert was hired to hand build 100 tyres



▲ Lots of night stages on the Montecarlo meant many lights.



▲ Front end grille, perfectly reproduced on all HPI models.

6 French importer Chardonnet and driver Darniche had some great results, like winning the 1975 Tour de Corse (red car) and the 1979 Montecarlo (blue), both by HPI Racing.

7 This is a Vitesse replica of the 1976 Portuguese rally winner.

8 The Vitesse diecast has less detail and the general shape is less well represented.

9 Always there but never a winner, this is the story of Stratos and its most famous driver, Munari, at the Safari rally. From left to right, 1975, '76 and '77 versions, all by HPI.



▲ Spare wheel on the engine cover for the 1975 Safari Rally.

specifically for the scarce snow conditions. A month later, the Lancia Racing Team was in a totally different environment, in the middle of Africa for the Safari rally. Testing had begun two months earlier, the Stratos suspension was raised from 10 to 18 cm, a new air filter system was installed and a second spare wheel attached over the engine cover. But it would be the tyres that couldn't cope with the terrain. Munari had no less than eleven flats and finished second, behind a humble but resilient Peugeot 504. Luck was also absent in the Acropolis rally, but in the Tour de France Auto, Darniche won with a Stratos entered by French team Lancia Chardonnet. In the Sanremo rally, Waldegård won again in the Alitalia car, so it all came down to the Tour de Corse, again. The Alitalia cars retired with several problems and it was again Lancia Chardonnet and Darniche that came to the rescue and granted a second world title. The team still undertook the last event of the year, the RAC rally, but Munari only finished fourth, after an excursion off the road.

In 1976, the Fiat Group trimmed down its activities to lower the budget and, while maintaining Fiat and Lancia as separate teams, it got orders to enter its cars in alternating events, avoiding unproductive rivalry between the two and giving priority to the markets in which each brand had more visibility. Fiat had changed from the 124 Abarth to the new 131 Abarth, a Group 4 car that had won its first rally in Elba. The Stratos was unchanged, but the Alitalia livery was updated to become its most iconic of all, with the red-white-green stripes across the whole of the car. It still looked impressive in the opening event of the year, with the Stratos making a clean sweep of the first three positions: Munari leading Waldegård and Darniche, even if the regulations reduced the tyres allowed to one single type. The Swedish rally followed, but the best team could achieve was a fourth place, by the Finn, Lampinen. Munari was back on top form in the Portuguese rally, winning after some problems with nasty weather and the championship started to move in Lancia's direction.

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But Lancia had entered a new challenge for 1976, in the form of the World Manufacturers Championship, a new series of FIA sanctioned track races run with Group 5 cars. The basic V6 2.5 litre engine received a KKK turbocharger that raised the power to 500 bhp, complete with wastegate and heat exchanger, unlike an earlier Stratos Turbo attempt. The bodywork was made in fibreglass by Italian outfit TIR, the suspension was completely redesigned and the wheelbase was lengthened. After a first unsuccessful race in Mugello, the car was taken to the Le Mans 24 hours, driven by an all female crew of Lombardi/Dacremont and came home in 20th place overall. The same car would come back to La Sarthe the following year, but didn't finish the race. Another Group 5 Stratos turbo, in silhouette form, won the Giro D'Italia, later in the season, with Facetti/Sodano at the wheel.

Back to rally stages and to the Safari, where the team featured its usual highly professional organisation, but it was all to no avail. The cars had bull bars front and rear, an air intake on the roof to cool the crew and several other reinforcements that increased the weight by 100 kg. This year the biggest problem was the engine, that broke in both Munari's and Waldegård's cars. Only Preston finished, in 12th position. Next was the Acropolis and, again, the works entered Stratos didn't reach the finish. The situation was beginning to be worrisome. But Munari clinched a third place in Morocco and Lancia got some slack from the second placed Opel, in the championship points. In the Sanremo, events took a turn for the better, with the Stratos getting a 1-2-3-4, led by Waldegård, a result almost repeated one month later, in the Tour de Corse, this time with Munari leading Darniche. The season closed with Munari's fourth place in the RAC rally, winning back to back world titles. Darniche also won the



▲ Roof wing is perfectly modelled by HPI Racing.



▲ Cockpit with two race seats and belts, plus extinguisher.

10 Two HPI Racing winners, the 1976 Tour de Corse car in day time trim, minus the extra spotlights and the 1977 Montecarlo Stratos.

11 Two Tour de France Stratos, a regular 1981 Gr.4 version by Mirage on the left and a 1976 Turbo long wheelbase by Spark on the right. Spot the differences...

European driver's rally championship and many other minor titles.

THE STRATEGIC DECLINE

The decline of the Stratos began in 1977, not because of any technical reason nor because the basic layout was no longer competitive. The only reason for this was the strategy in Group Fiat. It had decided to concentrate its efforts on the 131 Abarth, hoping to sell more road cars. The battle between Fiat's 131 and Ford's Escort MKII was seen as much more interesting from a marketing point of view, so the Stratos was relegated to a minor role. But the car wouldn't disappear overnight. The Fiat 131 Abarth was given a complete programme of ten events, while the Stratos HF only had five chances to shine, the first one was the Montecarlo rally, and Munari did it again, making it three consecutive Stratos wins in the most famous of rallies. It would be even more significant because Munari beat Alén in his 131 Abarth. Several months went by before a Stratos took part in a WRC event again. This was the Safari, at which Munari tried to win one more time and failed. Seas of mud were the reason behind yet another missed opportunity and Munari couldn't achieve better than a third place. The third outing in WRC for the Stratos was the Sanremo, where the team had four cars but was beaten by the 131 Abarths. Tour de Corse was the following meeting and Fiat won again, with Darniche swapping his Stratos for a Fiat, despite the fact that this was his first rally in the car. He proved to be a pivotal driver in the group, helping Fiat to clinch the WRC title and, at the same time, winning the European driver's championship again, with his Stratos

Chardonnet. Munari got lost in the secret route on the RAC rally but still won the driver's title, Fiat the manufacturer's.

For 1978, the Stratos role was further diminished in Fiat's group strategy. From this point on, there was a united rally team, with the 131 Abarth used in the WRC and the Stratos aimed at the ERC (European Rally Championship), with Alitalia sponsorship alternating between the two with Pirelli. Even the drivers were used in both cars, according to each rally. Rule makers reverted to imposing the original cylinder head in all cars, so the Stratos 24 valve could not run anymore and it had to make do with the 12 valve version, losing some 30 bhp to 245 bhp, closer to the 230 bhp in the four cylinder 131 Abarth engine. Fiat won the WRC and Lancia the ERC, as planned. A Stratos



▲ Rear end always looks dramatic on any Stratos, like this 1981 Tour de France car by Mirage.



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Concept car turned rally hero

driven by Alén won the Sanremo and the Finn was also first in the Giro d'Italia, in a Group 5 Stratos Turbo.

In 1979, there was a substantial change within the Fiat group. Fiat cars would no longer participate in all WRC events as works entries, the motorsport budget went mostly for promotional formulae, leaving Lancia again as the most committed marque in the group with the responsibility of creating a completely new car, based on the beautiful Beta Montecarlo. The Lancia Rally 037 and the Group B formula was still two years ahead, so the Stratos still had life in it. That same year, Darniche won the Montecarlo with a Chardonnet entered car and he also won the Tour de Corse and Tour de France. Tony Fassina won the Sanremo. The year after, 1980, Darniche won another three events, among them the Tour de France and Tour de Corse and took second place on the Montecarlo. The Corsica win would be the last in top flight international rallies for the Stratos. But even in 1981, the Stratos still achieved a second place in the Tour de France and had other relevant results before ending its career the following year, after ten years at the top in motorsport.

THE MODELS

To illustrate this story we've selected a group of recent 1/43 scale models, most from HPI Racing and its sister brand Mirage, plus some from Minichamps, Spark, Rêve Collection, Kyosho and Vitesse. But the story



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starts with Premium X and the Stratos Zero concept car, as it was presented at the 1970 Turin motor show. A resincast reproduction of the highest quality, with a low nose, impossibly raked screen and side windows with hidden rear view mirrors. The wheels are fantastic, with special tread on the tyres, and the rear end leaves some of the engine, gearbox and huge double exhaust to be seen. There are a lot of small and precise photo etched details, like the front grille and Lancia badge. Premium X also made the first 1971 prototype in the final version, painted matte orange, with the trademark "cheese box" rear lamps and two wipers. There were no aero devices at this stage, but the golden wheels would be used with the same design on the road version. For this version, there are two variants, the first is a 1974 green model by Minichamps, the other is a racing red Stratos by HPI, with the black rear wing and roof deflector. Very similar models in terms of quality, with the HPI Racing a little crisper in details like the exhaust system.

The three following models are all from Minichamps and they reproduce the consecutive wins in the Montecarlo rally, from 1975 to 1977. The Alitalia sponsored cars show some interesting differences, from no aero devices on the first one, that features a different livery from the other two, to the spotlights with or without cover and the roof cockpit air duct. The cockpit itself is missing the racing seat belts and the seats are a bit too white, in two of them. Nice models but not the state of the art by modern standards.

Next up are two Lancia Chardonnet cars, driven to victory by French ace Bernard Darniche in the 1975 Tour de Corse (the red one) and the 1979 Montecarlo (the blue car). The evolution from the first to the last is easy to spot in the extra spotlights and the wider rear



▲ Unique rear end of the Group 5 1976 Giro d'Italia car.



▲ Another interpretation for the Turbo Stratos at Le Mans.



▲ Red wheels suit the Pirelli car very well indeed.



▲ Large wheel arches and long mud flaps were a necessity.



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wheel arches of the later car. They are both by HPI Racing and the level of detail is excellent. There are seat belts and different coloured rims, and even the fuel fillers are of different design, proving that this Japanese brand was very careful with all the details. Production of 1/43 scale models stopped some time ago at HPI, so most of its models are appreciating right now.

The next one is a Vitesse model, reproducing the 1976 Portuguese rally win by Munari. It's an old model, by today's standards, but with some nice touches like the skewed door number squares, a detail of the real car, or the open window in the driver's door.

The Safari trio is also from HPI Racing and there are a lot of small details that differ between them. The most obvious is the livery and spare wheel over the engine lid on the 1975 version, the roof aerial repositioning, where the spare wheel was located and other small things, like mud flaps ahead of the front wheels and mesh nets on the front bull-bar on the 1977 version, and the fact that one carries yellow rims, while the other two have a mixture of silver grey and gold wheels.

We've gathered a brace of Alitalia tarmac versions by HPI; one is the 1976 Tour de Corse winner, the other is the Montecarlo 1977 winner. The first has no extra spotlights and the second has the roof duct, but both wear the same registration plate, hinting at the fact that it could be the same exact car.

The following duo is a comparison between Mirage's second placed car in the 1981 Tour de France Auto, car number 2, and the 1976 Stratos Turbo, raced at the same event, reproduced by Spark. We've tried to photograph both in a way that the longest wheelbase in the older car is visible. Obviously, Spark did an extremely good job with this limited production Stratos Turbo, featuring a special body with unique rear end, diverse right mirror location and even the windows are in the typical open position.

Then we go for two very special models indeed, of

the famous Group 5 Stratos Turbo. The Alitalia car is a diecast by Kyosho, reproducing the Giro d'Italia winner in 1977, the Marlboro car is by Rêve Collection, depicting the winner of the same event, one year before. They both look great but it's undeniable that, once again, the Spark resincast has the upper hand, both in terms of proportions and details. The small front wheels show the attention to detail in Spark's product, which comes with the Marlboro logos for the buyer to apply, thanks to tobacco advertising laws.

The 1976 Le Mans Stratos Turbo, entered by Chardonnet for a female crew and painted pink, white and red is a small delight to look at. It shares most of the pieces with the 1976 Tour de France model but has a few different details.

The next duo are both Sanremo winners by HPI, the Pirelli sponsored car is the 1978 winner, driven by Markku Alén, while the white car is the privately entered car that Tony Fassina drove to victory the year after. Here again, we find the same registration plate on both cars, in this case suggesting that Fassina got his car from the Lancia Team. They look fantastic as models, mainly because they add colour diversity to this Alitalia dominated collection. The black car with "Le Point" sponsor is the 1980 Tour de France winner, driven by Darniche, and the result is a sound model by Minichamps. It still plans to launch other liveries, namely the famous "Olio Fiat" and "Bic", but for those we still have to wait.

To close the story, we have put together the first and last win in Tour de Corse for a Stratos, the first is by HPI, the second by Mirage. The 1974 Marlboro car still has no aero devices, has narrow wheels and a narrow rear body. The 1981 car, sponsored by "L'Automobile", is the last Stratos to win a WRC event, featuring a total of eight headlamps, roof duct and a wide body. It's a nice way to admire all the exterior evolutions that this iconic car gained over ten years of duty. **DC**

12 A pair of Giro d'Italia winners: 1977 car sponsored by Alitalia (Kyosho model) and 1976 by Marlboro (Rêve Collection).

13 Stratos Turbo at Le Mans, entered by Chardonnet for a female crew, model by Spark.

14 The same chassis won the Rally Sanremo in 1979 (left) and 1978 (right), both by HPI.

15 Sponsored by French newspaper *Le Point*, this is the 1980 Tour de France winner, a diecast by Minichamps.

16 Darniche kept winning with the Stratos long after Fiat replaced it with the 131 Abarth.

17 Note spotlight cover, used to feature an extra sponsor logo.

18 The first and last Stratos evolutions and both Tour de Corse winners. The Marlboro car in 1974, the *L'Automobile* car in 1981. Both by HPI Racing.



▲ The low nose meant that pop-up headlamps were needed.



▲ Rear window with its so typical step-like covers.



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AGRITECHNICA 2015

Held in Hanover every two years during November, **David Pullen** attended this year's show to report on the new model releases.



1 For JCB fans, there was Britains' latest Fastrac tractor, the 4220, on sale for EUR30.00 (around £21.00). JCB had only 500 models at the show but it should be widely available next year. **2** Case IH launched Britains' new 1/32 Case IH Optum 300 CVX tractor for EUR44.50 (around £31.00) at Agritechnica. After the show the model will be available initially from Case IH and its dealer network before going on general release next year.

Alongside being the world's leading international exhibition for agricultural machinery and equipment Agritechnica is also known for the farm model releases made at the show.

Before Agritechnica opened the web was awash with rumours of the models being released. The show did not disappoint with a good selection of new and limited

edition models offered by both the machinery manufacturers and model makers. There were also several prototypes on display.

Those wanting the latest tractor JCB launched Britains' new 1/32 JCB Fastrac 4220 tractor at the show for EUR30.00 (around £21.00). Britains' new Case IH Optum 300 CVX tractor was available at the Case IH shop. Case IH also had a Universal Hobbies Farmall 115U

with a front-loader for EUR57.90 (around £41.00) and stock of Ertl's Magnum Rowtrac 380 CVX which had originally been launched at the Farm Show held in North America during the summer. For classic tractor fans there was also a special edition with dual wheels front and rear of Replicagri's Magnum 7270 tractor. A Puma 240 tractor being made by Universal Hobbies had been delay but is expected before Christmas. At New

▼ Those looking to replace their combine Claas had this smart Tucano 570 with Conspeed 8-75 maize attachment made by Wiking for EUR159.00 (around £112.00). Production has been limited to 1,000 pieces.





After concentrating on models of its larger tractors in recent years, Claas' new model releases at this year's show were of its smaller tractors.

Holland, there was the prototype for Britains' model of its new T7.315, a tractor New Holland launched at the show. The model is expected to go on sale in the spring. New Holland also had the latest T7.225 tractor from Universal Hobbies for sale at the show. It's available in both standard and Blue Power colours. MarGe Models also announced it is developing a 1/32 New Holland T8.435 tractor.

To mark the start of Kubota tractor production there was a special edition of Universal Hobbies' Kubota 7170 tractor finished in metallic red. Universal Hobbies also announced it will be releasing its Kubota 7170 tractor with a front-loader before Christmas. At McCormick they had commissioned Replicagri to produce a special edition of its X7.670 tractor in yellow for the show. While Schuco had produced for Deutz-Fahr a special edition 9340 tractor with all round dual wheels for the show. Profi, the German machinery magazine had commissioned weise-toys to produce 1,000 models of its Deutz-Fahr Agrotron 6180TVV finished in metallic

green and with a newly tooled Stoll FZ 30 front-loader. Universal Hobbies also announced it will be releasing a Deutz-Fahr 4.57 tractor before Christmas. While Siku had a prototype of its new remotely controlled Fendt tractor with front-loader it expects to be available early in 2016.

After concentrating on models of its larger tractors in recent years, Claas' new models at this year's show were of its smaller tractors. There was an ATOS 350 tractor from USK Scalemodels and a ARION 460 tractor made by Wiking. Wiking's tractor was available in standard colours and a special edition in white. MarGe Models also has a 1/32 Claas Elios 230 tractor with front-loader under development.

Other major model tractor releases were made by AGCO's Valtra, Massey Ferguson, Challenger and Fendt brands. At Valtra they had a special edition Wiking Valtra T234 in champagne, Massey Ferguson had a 390H and at Challenger there was a Stealth NT 773E tractor in black. However with eight new 1/32

tractors listed it was the Fendt shop that was attaching all the attention. Releases included models of Fendt's new 1050 Vario tractor from Siku and Wiking, two highway tractors and from Universal Hobbies a Fendt 514 Vario in white, a Gen 3 Fendt 716 Vario and a Fendt 720 Vario with front-loader.

On the machinery front there were six new model combines launched. USK Scalemodels had flown in samples of its new Deutz-Fahr C9206 combines which were being displayed on Deutz-Fahr's stand. The model is expected to be available in January. At Claas they launched a 1/32 Turcano 570 with Conspeed 8-75 maize attachment. It's made by Wiking. A version with V930 grain table should be available in March. This will cost EUR149.00 (around £105.00) and will be limited to 4,000 models. From Universal Hobbies there was a Claas Madator combine in three different colours. Each Madator colour variation was limited to 1,000 pieces and cost EUR74.90 (around £53.00) each. Claas also plans to release a



3 Built by Universal Hobbies and launched by Case IH for EUR57.90 (around £41.00) was this Farmall 115U with front-loader. Case IH had also expected to launch a Puma 240 at the show but this had been delayed and is now expected before Christmas. **4** New from Massey Ferguson was this highway version of its 390 tractor. Produced by Universal Hobbies and limited to 1,000 models, it cost EUR60.00 (around £42.00) at the show. **5** To mark production of the 500,000th machine, Manitou had this special edition of Universal Hobbies' MLT 840-137 PS telehandler. It had a silver engine cover and cost EUR35.00 (around £25.00). **6** Fendt had both first and second editions, both limited to 1,050 models, of Wiking's new 1/32 scale Fendt 1050 tractor. This second edition is supplied in standard packaging and has a 'German Meisterwerk' decal on the bonnet. It cost EUR129.00 (around £91.00). **7** For tractor fans, Claas had this good-looking ATOS 350 tractor built by USK Scalemodels. Costing EUR54.90 (around £39.00) and limited to 2,000 pieces, the tractor features an opening front window as well as opening doors and rear window.



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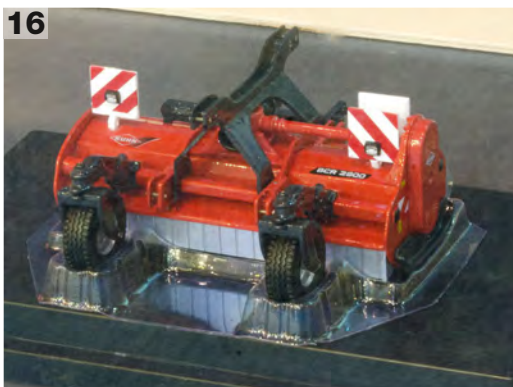
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8 It's rare to see models of Rostselmash equipment and stock of this 1/32 scale 1401 forage harvester, as well as a Vector 410 combine, quickly sold out on the first day of the show. Both were priced around EUR60.00 (around £42.00). A plan to launch a web shop should make it easier to find them in the future.

9 New for the show was Wiking's Fendt Katana 85 for EUR149.00 (around £105.00). The model is supplied with both maize and pickup attachments.

10 Also new on Fendt's stand was this Fendt 720 Vario tractor with front-loader for EUR69.00 (around £48.00).

11 For the show, Siku had given its John Deere 8360R tractor flotation tyres. Limited to 1,000 pieces, the model cost EUR45.00 (around £32.00).

12 USK Scalemodels' 1/32 scale Deutz-Fahr C9206 combine will be supplied with a header trailer and different lids for the grain tank. It is expected to cost about EUR110.00 (around £77.00) when it becomes available early in 2016.

13 MarGe Models had its new Peecon CS300 scraper for EUR25.00 (around £18.00). It was also displaying the prototype for a 1/32 scale Veenhuis tanker and injector that it plans to release in January.

14 Both Claas and MarGe Models kept this 1/32 scale shipping container under wraps until the show opened at 9.00am on Sunday. Made in metal, it weighs over 1 kg and production has been limited to 500. Claas will sell 200 models and MarGe Models the remaining 300.

15 Challenger had this USK Scalemodels 1/32 scale Stealth NT 775E tractor for EUR 99.00 (around £70.00). Production is limited to 684 pieces.

16 Universal Hobbies' new Kuhn BCR 2800 shredder had been delayed and Kuhn only had this sample available. It was expected to be available before Christmas.

17 Kuhn also had the latest sample of Britains' Performer 5000 cultivation train on display. Latest news is the model should be available early in the New Year.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Agritechnica is the world's largest trade fair for agricultural machinery and equipment. Taking place over seven days, this year's event attracted in excess of 450,000 visitors from 115 different countries.

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18 Priced at EUR79.00 (around £55.00), Wiking's new 1/32 Kuhn LSB 1290 ID big baler was available at Kuhn's stand.

19 This first edition of Wiking's 1/32 Amazone UX 11200 trailed sprayer was launched by Amazone on its stand for EUR 84.90 (around £60.00). It should also be available from other outlets before Christmas.

20 Amazone also had the long awaited Cayron 200 reversible plough from Universal Hobbies for EUR34.90 (around £25.00).

21 Priced at EUR55.00 (around £39.00), this dusty John Deere 9560R from Siku was proving popular with fans at the John Deere shop. Only 500 had been produced.

22 Two new Blackline show models were launched by Siku at the show. They were this Case IH QuadTrac costing EUR40.00 (around £28.00), limited to 2,000 pieces, and this Holaras blade for EUR15.00 (around £10.00).

1/32 Lexion 760 TT with Conspeed 8-75 maize attachment, made by Wiking, with dusty finish in March.

Forage equipment models included a Kuhn front mounted disc mower from Replicagri for EUR30.00 (around £21.00). Kuhn also launched Wiking's new LSB 1290 iD big square baler for EUR79.00 (around £55.00). Pottinger had ROS's new Impress 185 V round baler for EUR64.90 (around £46.00). At Claas they launched USK Scalemodels' tandem axle Cargos 8400 forage wagon for EUR89.90 (around £63.00). The triple-

axle Cargos 8500 should be available in time for the forage season. There were also two forage harvesters released at the show. From ROS there was a Big X 580 harvester available on Krone's stand and from Fendt Wiking's new Katana 85 harvester. Both harvesters are supplied with maize and pickup attachments. Wiking's new Jaguar 870 forage harvester should be available from Claas late spring. It will also be supplied with both maize and pickup attachments. A direct disc attachment for the harvester will be available separately.

Two new ploughs were launched at the show. Gregoire Bession launched Rpelicagri's new RWy8 reversible plough. The model was available in standard red for EUR39.00 (around £27.00) and a special limited black version for EUR41.00 (around £29.00). While Amazone had Universal Hobbies' new Cayron 200 six furrow reversible plough. They also had the Cenius 3002 cultivator for EUR29.90 (around £21.00) and the first edition of Wiking's new 1/32 Amazone UX 11200 sprayer. **DC**

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ALPHA EAGLES

Rick Wilson spent every Saturday morning in late 1975 glued to the television to watch Gerry Anderson's latest creation. The show's spacecraft were immortalised at the time by Dinky Toys and, more recently, by Product Enterprise.

1 The Eagle Freighter by Dinky Toys (No 360) alongside the Eagle Transporter (No 359).

2 Dinky No 359, Eagle Transporter, in a splendid reproduction box—available from www.20thcenturybox.co.uk.

3 No 360 Eagle Freighter in another wonderful 20th Century Box repro box.

4 A combination that is more realistic to the actual TV series models but it was never released by Dinky like this. Displayed using the later version of the first release blister packaging, yet another fabulous reproduction by 20th Century Box.

5 Product Enterprise 12" Laboratory Eagle, availability individually or as part of the Deluxe Gift Set.



The Eagle Transporter is a fictional spacecraft from the British science fiction television series *Space: 1999*. First airing in September 1975, the programme shared its 40th anniversary with its sister show, that most famous of all Gerry Anderson creations, *Thunderbirds*, which was celebrating its 50th anniversary, grabbing all the limelight at the time.

Originally intended to be a second series of Gerry Anderson's fabulous UFO series, the concept was adapted and rewritten as a completely new programme.

Space: 1999 originally aired for two series between 1975 and 1977, comprising a total of 47 episodes, and is set on Moonbase Alpha, charged with the disposal of Earth's nuclear waste on areas of the moon. One of the waste dumps becomes unstable and, on September 13th 1999, a massive explosion blasts the moon out of Earth's orbit and sets the moonbase crew on a journey of encounters with alien spacecraft and passing close to numerous planets in a search for a new home.

THE CRAFT

The Eagles serve as the primary transport of Moonbase Alpha and are often used to explore alien planets, defend Moonbase Alpha from attack and to transport supplies and other items to and from the moon.

Designed by Brian Johnson, who had worked with Gerry Anderson on *Thunderbirds* and had produced the

spacecraft for the 1968 film *2001: A Space Odyssey*, the Eagle spacecraft has influenced many science fiction spaceship designs since.

Eagles were constructed by the engineering technicians of Moonbase Alpha using materials and components shipped from Earth mated to parts manufactured on the Moon. This is generally accepted as the rationale for the seemingly endless supply of Eagles, despite their frequent losses.

The craft are of modular design, divided into three basic sections: the command module, the passenger module/service pod and the superstructure (containing the landing gear, access corridor/galley, rear compartment, fuel tanks and main propulsion system). The command module of the Eagle can detach too, enabling it to dock with another compatible craft or for use as an escape capsule.

The modules transported by the Eagles come in many forms. The standard passenger module is usually unarmed and used solely to transport Moonbase personnel. The reconnaissance variant typically has a computer bank on the starboard side of the ship. These Eagles are used to explore alien planets and regions of space with the sophisticated computer bank used to obtain, store, and analyse data gathered from the planet being studied. The VIP version is distinguished by orange side panels to the exterior



▲ Dinky Toys advert from the mid-seventies.



▼ The Eagle Transporter looks incredible in 23" size by Product Enterprise, with superb detail and excellent finish.



of the module and was only seen in the first episode. It is basically a passenger Eagle used to transport high-ranking officials. The rescue Eagles can be recognised by the vertical red stripes and are equipped with a variety of rescue and life-saving equipment to be used in emergencies. Transport Eagles are used purely for moving supplies and equipment rather than passengers and as such have minimal seating space. The Laboratory Eagle features a small but well-equipped laboratory.

The freighter Eagles are used to transport dangerous nuclear waste to the disposal areas on the moon. Unlike supply or transport Eagles, these are heavily shielded to protect crews from radiation. Other variants of the freighters feature winches or grabs.

Although Eagles are not primarily designed for combat, they can be equipped with lasers and missiles for defensive purposes.

The Eagles are powered by four nuclear fusion rockets and carry substantial fuel reserves for approximately 48 hours of travel and a pod of two booster rockets can be mounted on top of the superstructure to assist the main propulsion system.

To enter the atmosphere of a normal-gravity planet, the Eagle can land using its chemically fuelled landing rockets, also enabling lift off to return to Moonbase Alpha. On planets/bodies with other gravity conditions, the Eagles can be fitted with extra booster rockets to supplement the normal vertical rockets.

Eagles are generally flown by two trained pilots, although one is sufficient to operate the craft. On board computers and systems can handle guidance, navigation, and interpretation of data, although for complicated data analysis, this is transmitted to Moonbase Alpha's main computer using telemetry. Eagles can also be flown by remote control from Alpha's Command Centre.

THE MODELS

Models of the Eagle used in filming were built in four sizes and by the end of the second series, there were three 44 inch (110 cm) Eagle models, two 22 inch (56 cm) Eagles, one 11 inch (28 cm) Eagle, and a 5 inch (13 cm) Eagle. The superstructure framework was built using copper tubing on the larger models and the command module was of vacuum-formed plastic. Compressed freon streams were used to portray the vertical jets used in lift-off and landing sequences and the exhaust from the main rockets. The special effects team worked in a separate studio away from live action filming.

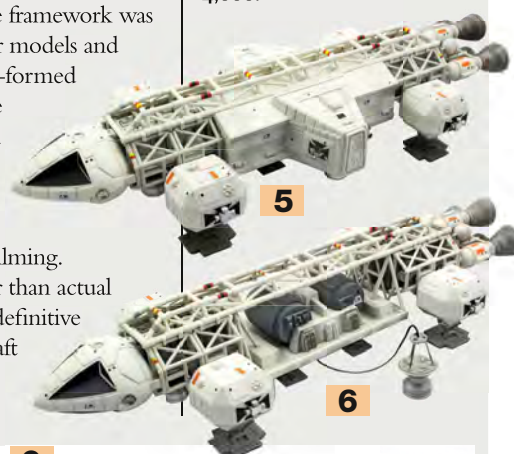
Note the use of measurements rather than actual scales, because there has never been a definitive answer to the exact size of the spacecraft as they were built to look right rather than to a specifically scaled design.

6 Product Enterprise's 12" Eagle Freighter was of a different design to the Dinky Toys release.

7 Product Enterprise 12" Transporter, limited edition of 6,000.

8 Product Enterprise 12" Rescue Eagle, limited edition of 3,000.

9 Product Enterprise 12" VIP Transporter, limited edition of 4,000.



Space: 1999 40th anniversary



▲ Box for the much sought after Deluxe Eagle Gift Set.

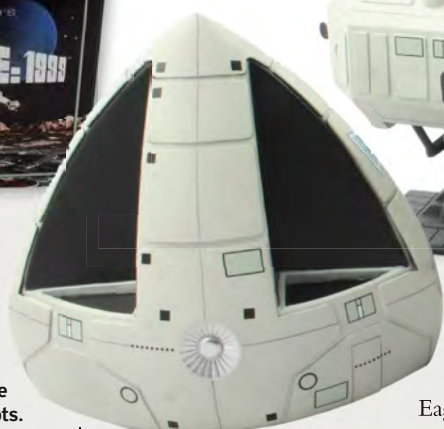
10 The 23" Product Enterprise Eagle even features a removable cockpit pod to reveal the pilots.

11 The Product Enterprise Deluxe Eagle Gift Set comprises a 12" Laboratory Eagle with booster rockets, a Moonbase Alpha buggy and a laser tank.

12 In Japan, the Product Enterprise range was released in Aoshima branded packaging.

▼ Product Enterprise packaging is impressive and eye-catching.

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Trawling various forums online, it is generally accepted that the Eagles are roughly 100ft in length.

The first models released by Dinky Toys appeared in time for Christmas 1975, a couple of months after the show first aired. Neither I, nor many of my friends, could wait for these, although I only ever had the transporter version at the time and this is my only childhood diecast that has survived with me to this day. Treasured doesn't even begin to cover it!

Costing £2.99 when new in 1975, Dinky Eagles are worth rather more these days, even for basket cases, as there is a ready supply of reproduction replacement parts and decals. I will cover a restoration of both models in a future issue, as there are some interesting techniques required to do the job properly. The two models from Dinky Toys underwent some cosmetic variations over the five years of production, but there was never a fully white version produced, as per the versions seen in the actual show, so if you come across one of these, it is either a hybrid or a restored fake!

packaging and featured an unrealistic (but still very appealing) metallic green nose/cockpit and landing leg pods, a detachable white passenger module with red plastic flip down doors/steps, red engine fuel bottles and chromed plastic exhausts. The body colour remained unchanged although a second release swapped the fuel bottles to silver and the exhausts to red plastic. The side balance jet 'crosses' on the landing leg pods were originally yellow plastic but became red when the other changes were made. Original passenger module skylight windows were translucent red plastic, later orange and, finally, clear. The other less obvious change was that the screws changed for slotted pan-heads to cross-heads. Later versions also featured an additional vertical strengthening bar to the front and rear of the plastic central spine cover. The cardboard plinth changed on the later first wave, then changed completely to a window box version for the second design with a vacuum-formed moonscape inner.

DINKY TOYS NO 360 EAGLE FREIGHTER

1975-1980 (£2.99, later £4.99)

At the same size and with the same packaging variations, the Freighter first appeared in a very realistic white all over, apart from the winch pod, which was red. The pod featured four nuclear waste barrels, which rotated on a mini-carousel, and a magnetic 'grab' attached to a length of thread that could be raised and lowered for playability. Like the Transporter, the central pod could be detached. The side jets were always red on the Freighters.

DINKY TOYS NO 359 EAGLE TRANSPORTER

1975-1980 (£2.99, later £4.99)

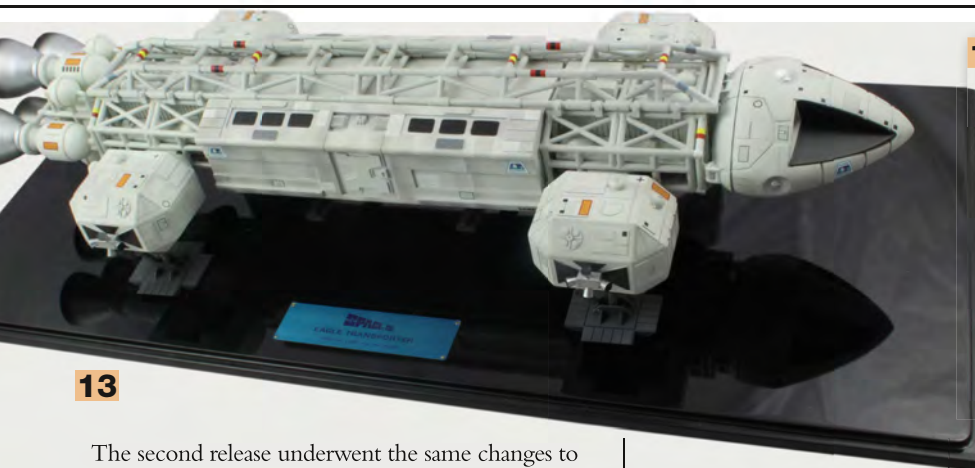
At 8.5 inches (21.5cm) long, this would make the Dinky Eagles approximately 1/140 scale. The initial Transporter release came in blister topped plinth style

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The second release underwent the same changes to the fuel bottles and exhausts as the Transporter but the nose/cockpit and landing leg pods changed to blue, while the winch pod changed to white.

So with a bit of jiggery pokery (and a large pile of pocket money), you could swap the various versions around and make both a fully white Transporter and Freighter, as per the actual show models, hence the proliferation of fakes currently doing the rounds.

A DINKY KIT THAT NEVER WAS

The Dinky Toys range very nearly included a *Space: 1999* "Toymaker" kit as mocked up box artwork has come to light in recent years. The impressive double kit was to have been No 1035 and would have featured both a Transporter and Freighter version. That would have been an amazing release for us *Space: 1999* fans. I can feel a project coming on!

ENTER PRODUCT ENTERPRISE

In 2004, the British sci-fi specialists, Product Enterprise, released the first of a series of fabulously detailed and much more accurate diecast Eagle models. Two different sizes have been modelled with the original range coming in at 12" long, followed by some truly magnificent 23" releases later on. These were also released in Japan under the Aoshima brand and came in different packaging as a result.

Originally priced at £39.99, the 12" models now command around three times that price and, as such, have yet to make it into my collection. So, through the wonders of Facebook, I managed to meet up with Paul Bagwash, who has a truly impressive collection of all the 12"



▲ Close up of front end detail on the Product Enterprise 12" Eagle.

13 A Product Enterprise 23" Eagle mounted on its plinth makes an impressive display piece.

14 Rear three-quarter view of the superb detail on the 23" Product Enterprise Eagle.



▲ Gold finished 12" Eagle by Product Enterprise, limited edition of just 500.



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models and some of the 23" versions too. Many thanks go to Paul and his family for allowing me to invade their lovely Northampton home with my portable photo studio for an evening!

In the 12" range (approximately 1/100 scale), there were releases of the Eagle Transporter, Rescue Eagle, Medical Eagle, Freighter Eagle, Laboratory Eagle and the VIP Eagle. Special editions also appeared of the Transporter in chrome (500, for the 2004 San Diego Comic Convention) and 22ct gold plate (500, with a letter of authenticity hand-signed by Gerry Anderson). The most sought after release though is the Deluxe Gift Set, which includes the Laboratory Eagle, plus a moon buggy and a laser tank, all packaged in a special box. On all 12" models, the central pod is detachable, like the smaller Dinky Toys.

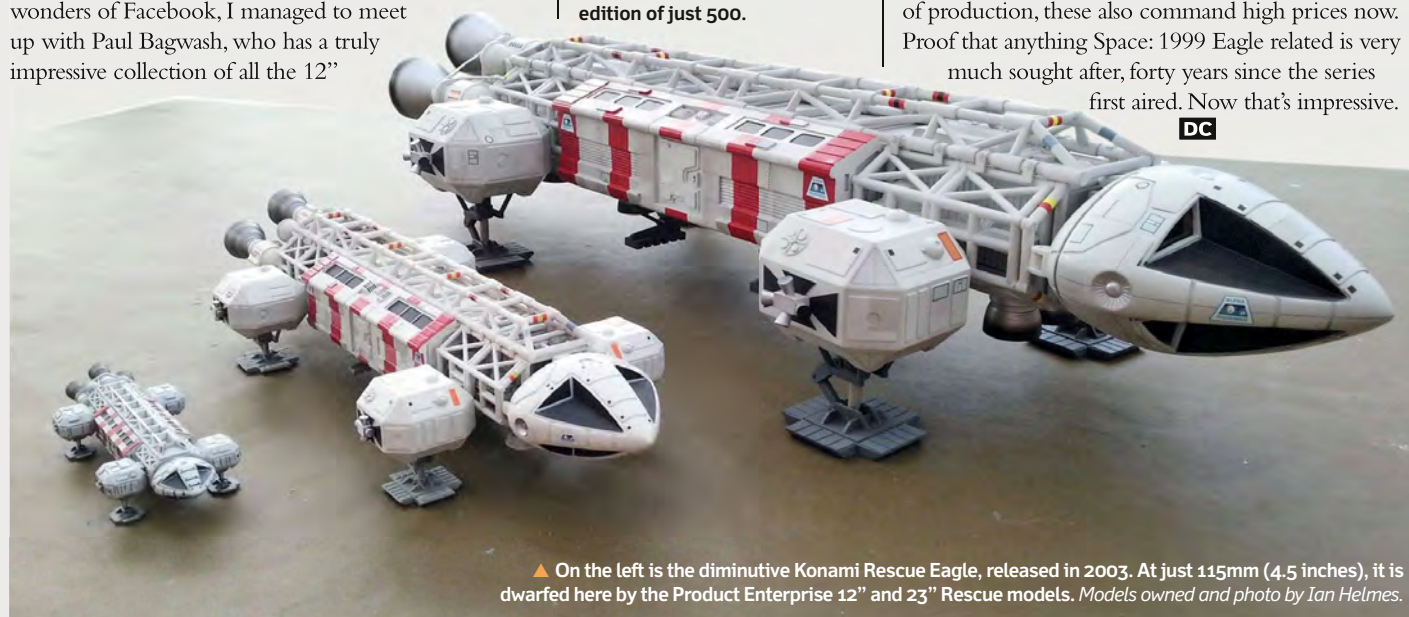
The 23" Eagles are truly breathtaking, with levels of detail close to the studio originals. The cockpit is even removable, revealing two pilot figures. Round 2 are just about to release a plastic kit in almost this size. I have three on order!

AND FINALLY...

Just a quick interesting aside, the six-wheeled moon buggy used in filming (and featured in the Product Enterprise Deluxe Gift Set) was the Canadian built version of the funky Amphicat, which also appeared on TV in the 1968-1970 children's TV show, *The Banana Splits*.

One final model worthy of note is the diminutive Konami release at just 4.5 inches (115mm). Now out of production, these also command high prices now. Proof that anything *Space: 1999* Eagle related is very much sought after, forty years since the series first aired. Now that's impressive.

DC



▲ On the left is the diminutive Konami Rescue Eagle, released in 2003. At just 115mm (4.5 inches), it is dwarfed here by the Product Enterprise 12" and 23" Rescue models. Models owned and photo by Ian Helmes.

SETTING THE TREND

Rick Wilson admires the genius of Kevin Jeannette and his trendsetting open-topped Porsche prototype that first raced at Daytona 25 years ago.



1 Three of the six 966 releases by TSM Model: the colourful 1991 Miami GP Jägermeister livery, the original Armed Forces version from Daytona 1991 and the colours the real 966 still wears today, evoking memories of Mark Donohue's mighty Sunoco sponsored Porsche 917-30.

2 All six of the TSM releases in the order as raced, from left to right: Daytona 24 Hours 1991 (TSM114306), Miami GP 1991 (TSM114305), Road Atlanta 1991 (TSM124360), Sebring 12 Hours 1992 (TSM114304), Sebring 12 Hours 1993 (TSM114303) and Road America 1993 (TSM124362).



Kevin Jeannette, owner of Gunnar Racing, has a long history of involvement with Porsches. Starting at a Californian Porsche repair shop in the early seventies, by 1977 Kevin was a Porsche racing mechanic, forming Gunnar Racing in 1978.

Kevin began his racing career working with teams racing 934s and 935s and 962s, including the 1983 Daytona 24 Hours winning Swap Shop Porsche 935, for which he not only crewed the car but built the engine too! He also started what would turn into a thriving restoration business, restoring vintage Porsche racing cars.

THE CAR

Gunnar Racing, led by Kevin's innovative mind, built the first open topped prototype to run in the IMSA Camel GTP class: the 966 Spyder. The one off car was campaigned from 1991 until the final demise of the class, in 1993. The car always attracted attention and it also attracted great drivers, such as Derek and Justin Bell, Hurley Haywood, John Paul, Jr., Jay Cochran and David Donohue, and some Hollywood stars, such as Bobby Carradine, and Chad McQueen. This car was the forerunner of the open-topped prototype cars that were the top class of professional sportscar racing for many years.

Based on a Chapman Porsche 962 monocoque,

the 966 features a Porsche Flat 6 3-litre twin turbocharged engine but with bodywork more akin to Porsche beautiful 936 racer from the seventies. The 966 nomenclature takes its first two numbers from 962 and the third number from 936. Clever!

THE TEAM

I first met Kevin, his fabulous family (wife Sharon, son Gunnar and daughter Jesea) and Gunnar Racing's all round behind-the-scenes superstar Andy Jensen at Le Mans in 2000, where the team were running a Porsche 911 GT3R, but I had been a fan of the 966 from its first race. This meeting was arranged by our mutual friend Tim Crete, a wonderful man, who is sadly no longer with us. Tim was the regular photographer for Gunnar Racing but was unable to make the trip across to France for the race and generously recommended me in his place. I wasn't going to miss the chance to work with the team and we had plenty to talk about, especially the 966 of course!

THE RACES

The first appearance of the 966 was at the Daytona test on 5th January 1991. Driven by John Paul Jr., the car appeared in unpainted bodywork. Come race week, the car was now white and adorned





with Star and Stripes flags down one side and Union flags down the other, in homage to the troops of both nations involved in the Gulf War at the time. After qualifying, the car was used to raise funds for the USO (United Service Organizations), with over 5,000 people donating US\$1 each to sign the car in marker pen! Driven by five-time Le Mans winner Derek Bell, his son Justin and Jay Cochran, the car was an instant fan favourite and has become very much a part of the Daytona legend.

Cleaned of the signatures, the car ran again at the Palm Beach Grand Prix in March, before wearing the fabulous colours of Jägermeister for the Miami Grand Prix in early April. Another change of livery for the race at Road Atlanta a few weeks later saw the 966 now in the very eye-catching two-tone blue of Norwegian Cruise Line.

The 1992 season began with the 966 in plain red, running at Daytona and the Miami Grand Prix. Come Sebring and the car was white again, but with the famous blue and red stripes of Brumos Racing, driven by Le Mans winner, Hurley Haywood, partnering American actor Bobby Carradine. The 966 then travelled to Europe to take part in two Interserie events, at Brands Hatch and Zolder, still in white with red and blue stripes.

1993 kicked off with another Daytona appearance, running at the test in plain black and the race in white/red. Still in this latter colour scheme and wearing sponsorship from Diet Coke and Snap-On Tools, the 966 appeared at the Sebring 12 Hours. The final livery change was to the famous colours of Sunoco Oils, a nod to the mighty Porsche 917-30 that had raced in Can Am events twenty years before. The 966 appeared in these colours for the

events at Lime Rock, Laguna Seca, Phoenix and Road America.

Still wearing the Sunoco livery, the 966 underwent an overhaul in 2001 and appears at historic events from time to time—always a popular entry.

THE MODELS

TrueScale Miniatures, latterly TSM Model, released six of the liveries on 1/43 scale models cast in resin, so I had to buy them all! There would have been seven, but the planned Interserie version (TSM124361) was dropped late in 2015 sadly.

Starting with that superb 1991 Daytona début (without the signatures), models of the Jägermeister, Norwegian Cruise Line, Brumos, Diet Coke/Snap-On and Sunoco liveried cars have also been released. These all show great attention to detail, featuring the two different types of rear bodywork and even the mirror position has been correctly modelled (it's different for the first Daytona entry).

Featuring the usual superb build quality, some gorgeous photo etched parts and the finish we expect from TSM, these take pride of place in my collection at home, complete with my home made Daytona diorama! **DC**

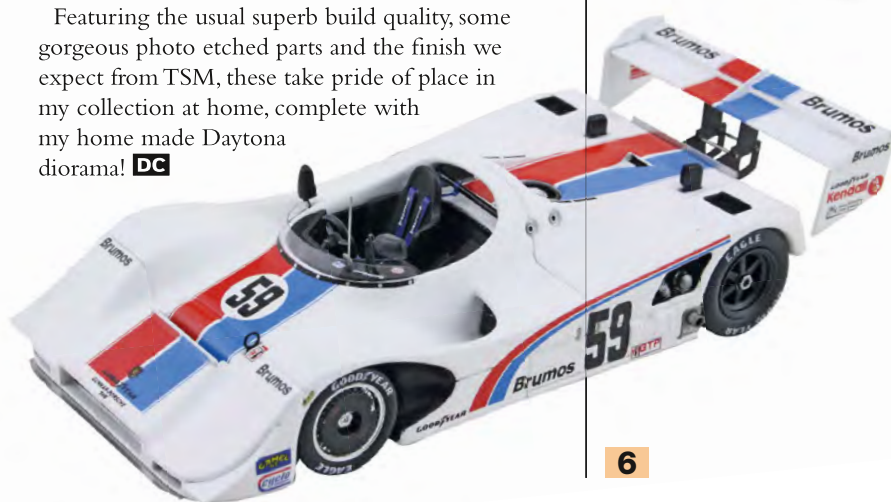
3 Father and son drivers, Derek and Justin Bell, ready to race at Daytona in 1991 after thousands of signatures had been added post-qualifying.

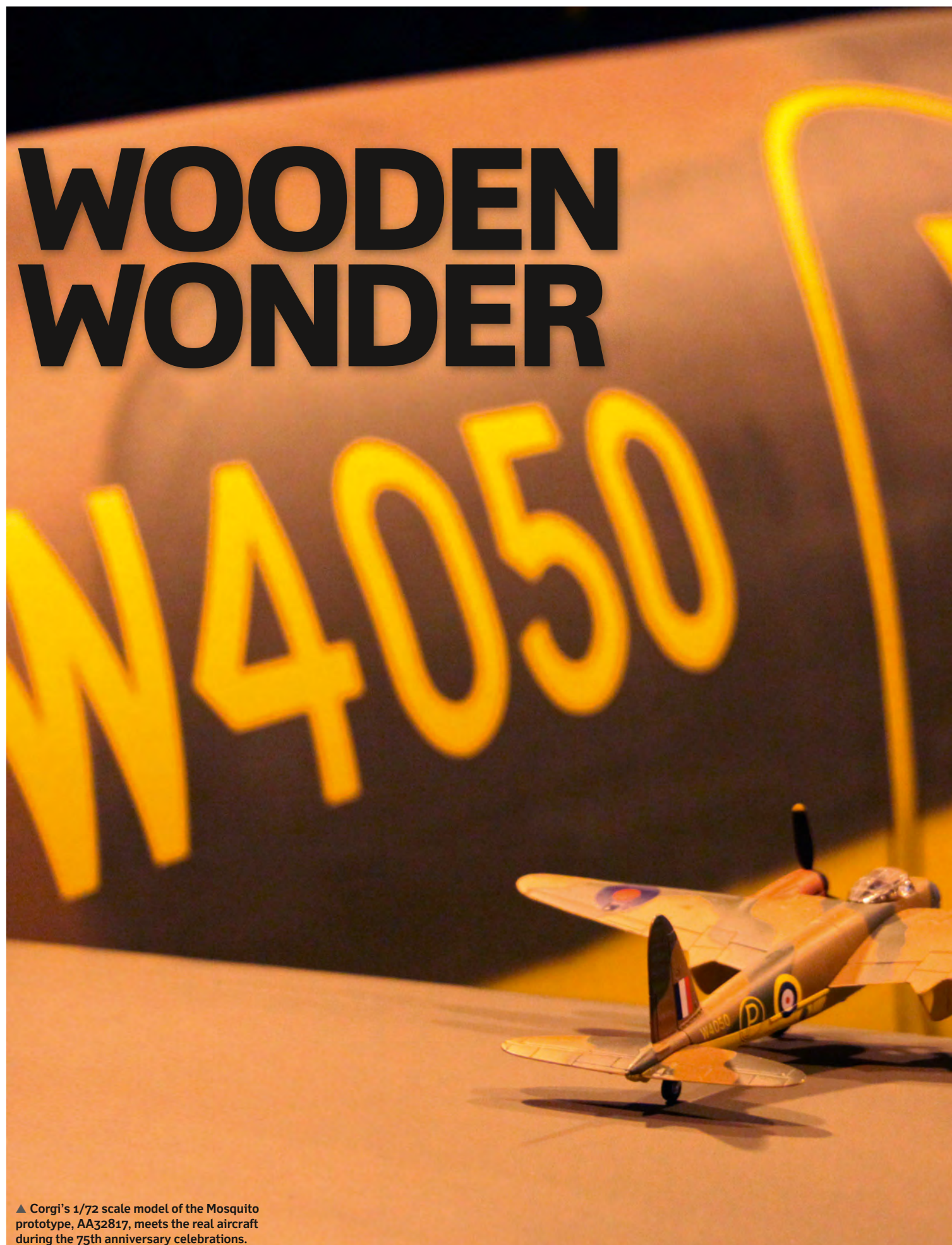
4 Final race for the 966 at Road America in 1993.

5 Outside Gunnar HQ in West Palm Beach, prior to the 1993 Sebring 12 Hours.

6 The famous Brumos Racing colours adorned the 966 for the 1992 Sebring 12 Hours.

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▲ Corgi's 1/72 scale model of the Mosquito prototype, AA32817, meets the real aircraft during the 75th anniversary celebrations.



Rick Wilson marks 75 years since the Mosquito's first flight with a trip to the de Havilland Museum, where his Corgi model met the real thing.

On 8 September 1936, the British Air Ministry issued Specification P.13/36, which called for a twin-engined medium bomber capable of carrying a bomb load of 3,000 pounds for 3,000 miles. Geoffrey de Havilland believed a bomber with an aerodynamic design and minimal skin area would be better.

After examining concepts based on the DH.91 Albatross and the new all-metal DH.95 Flamingo, de Havilland settled on designing a new aircraft that would be aerodynamically clean, made of wood and powered by Rolls-Royce Merlin engines.

The new design would be faster than foreseeable enemy fighter aircraft, and could dispense with a defensive armament, which would otherwise slow it and make interception or losses to anti-aircraft guns more likely. Instead, high speed and good manoeuvrability would make it easier to evade fighters and ground fire. The lack of turrets simplified production and reduced production time. Without armament, the crew could be reduced to a pilot and navigator, saving weight too.

Despite an initial lack of interest from the Air Ministry, in November 1938, an order to develop a prototype Mosquito was granted and then finally, on 12th December 1939, the prototype was officially ordered, but only for a photo-reconnaissance aircraft as the then Bomber Command chief, Sir Edgar Ludlow-Hewitt, did not favour an unarmed bomber.

SALISBURY HALL

Built in the latter half of the 17th century, famous residents have included Lady Randolph Churchill and Sir Nigel Gresley. Resident during the 1930s, Gresley developed an interest in breeding wild birds and ducks in the moat and, rumour has it, from this came the name of his most famous locomotive, *Mallard*.

In September 1939, at the outbreak of World War II, the de Havilland Aircraft Company established the Mosquito design team in Salisbury Hall, close to its base at Hatfield Aerodrome. The hall's very large kitchen became a workshop and a hangar was constructed close by. The prototype Mosquito was subsequently built in this. After eight years, de Havilland left in 1947 and the Hall slipped into a derelict condition.

Mosquito first flight 75th anniversary

- 1 Corgi's model of the prototype, AA32817, comes with a display stand.
- 2 Optional undercarriage fitted.
- 3 Such a beautiful design and a great model too.

THE PROTOTYPE

Originally, the prototype was to have a maximum speed of 397mph at 23,700 feet and cruise at 327mph at 26,600 feet. Range was to be 1,480 miles at 24,900 feet and a maximum ceiling of 32,100 feet.

A shortage of Merlin powerplants due to the situation in Dunkirk (priority of supply went to fighters) held up detail design and construction. Eventually Lord Beaverbrook intervened and two Merlins were made available for the prototype. The de Havilland team at Salisbury Hall worked through the Battle of Britain and prototype was dismantled and moved by road to de Havilland's Hatfield factory on 3rd November 1940.

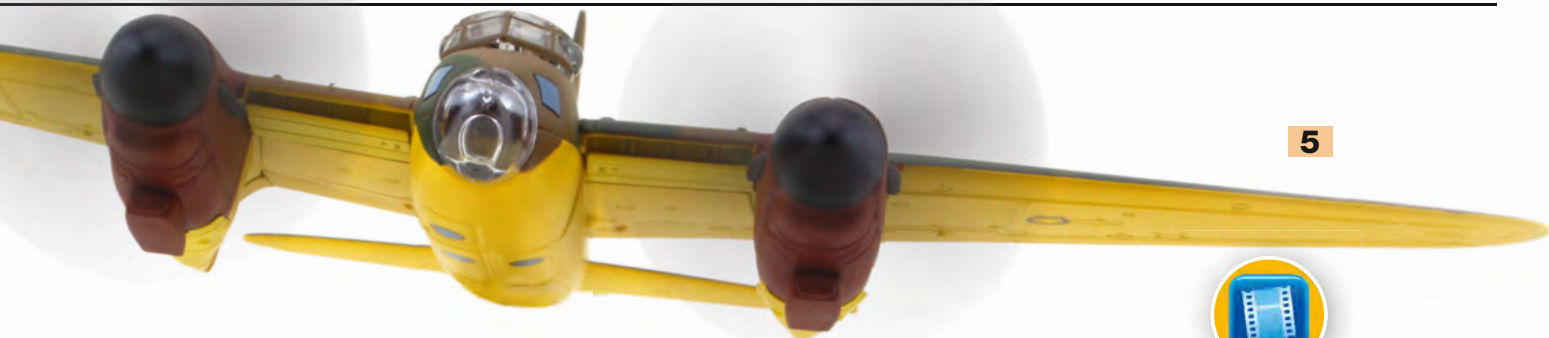
After reassembly, initial engine tests were performed on 19th of November and the first taxiing tests five days later. Painted yellow all over, the prototype was flown for the first time at 3.45pm on the 25th November by Geoffrey de Havilland Jr., with John E. Walker as observer.

Following a demonstration to Lord Beaverbrook and other senior Government Ministers at Langley on 29th December, an order for 50 aircraft was placed.

Following 35 hours of initial trials at Hatfield, the aircraft, by now officially adopted as W4050, was delivered to Boscombe Down on 19th February 1941 with camouflaged top surfaces and prototype markings for official service trials. On the 24th February while taxiing on the rough surface of the airfield the tailwheel jammed and the fuselage fractured around the starboard access hatch. The

damage was serious enough for the fuselage to be changed and the fuselage of the following prototype W4051 was used. On completion of the change, W4050 was flown back to Hatfield for some adjustments on 14th March, returning





its second flight. Even more meaty Merlins were then fitted, with flight trials recommencing on 8th October, and a top speed of 439 mph was achieved in November, the highest by any Mosquito. In 1944 the prototype was grounded and allocated to de Havilland apprentice ground training. W4050 was struck off charge on 21st June 1947.

Bill Baird, the Assistant Public Relations Manager at Hatfield, had become aware of the historical significance of the prototype Mosquito. When the aircraft was ordered destroyed, he saved it from being burned, having it dismantled and then moving it to several places to avoid detection and finally back to off airfield storage at Hatfield.

When a retired army major, Walter Goldsmith, purchased Salisbury Hall, he contacted Baird, then in charge of public relations at de Havilland. He discovered that Baird had dismantled and hidden away the original prototype in stores near the airfield at Hatfield. Baird was delighted to find someone who could offer the old aircraft a home. De Havilland carried out basic restoration work at Hatfield, and Goldsmith accepted the aircraft back at Salisbury Hall, where it was put on public display on 15th May 1959. It has remained there ever since.

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

At 3.45pm on 25th November 1940, painted all over yellow and carrying its initial registration E0234, the prototype took to the skies. As Britain was on Double Summer Time during World War II, meaning GMT was effectively what we now know as Daylight Saving Time, the modern equivalent time for the first take off was 2.45pm. For the 75th anniversary events at the end of November

2015, there was a commemorative roll out of the hangar each day at 2.45pm from Wednesday 25th November until Sunday 29th. Hope you're still with me here!

Having recently undergone a complete restoration to the specification and livery for its final flight, W4050 looks very different to that fabulous day in November 1940, and looks absolutely stunning, especially in the hangar with two other Mosquitos in the background!

I was lucky enough to witness one of the anniversary rollouts and even took a video of this, which is available to view via the hotspot above. I even took my Corgi model along with me, hoping for a photoshoot with its big sister. Having visited the museum a few times in recent years, I had a feeling that the wonderful and friendly team would allow me to do just that, and they did. Thank you very much!

THE CORGI MODEL

Released in February 2009 as a limited run of 1,200 models, Corgi's 1/72 scale rendition of the prototype carries a good amount of detail and is a faithful replication of the actual aircraft. With accurate markings depicting the later camouflage colour scheme, the model stands up well when placed alongside the real thing.

Values for the model can vary, with premium prices on ebay currently reaching the £60-£70 mark in mint condition. I bought the model shown here from The Modelstore in Uxbridge recently (www.themodelstore.co.uk) for the bargain price of just £40, so careful shopping does pay dividends. Having been after this model for some time, I was delighted with this. And no, it's not for sale! **DC**

4 Of the seven Mosquito aircraft still residing in the UK, three can be found in one hangar at the de Havilland Aircraft Museum, next to Salisbury Hall.

5 If only the Corgi model really could do this!

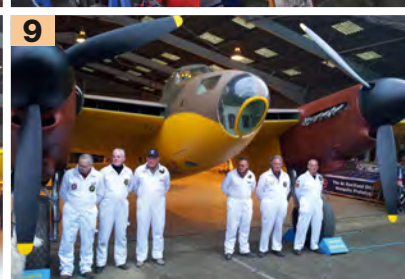
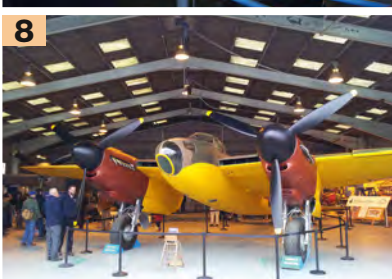
6 + 7 Restoration work on the real prototype is well underway in October 2013.

8 Finished in time for the 75th anniversary of its first flight, the Mosquito prototype stands proud in November 2015.

9 Several of the team responsible for the amazing work pose for photos.

FURTHER INFORMATION

THE de Havilland Aircraft Museum, home to the Mosquito Prototype, is aiming to build a brand new hangar to protect more of its incredible collection from the elements. If you'd like to support the hangar appeal with a donation, or even just want to find out more about this wonderful collection, go to the museum's website at www.dehavillandmuseum.co.uk. **■**



START YOUR ENGINES!

David Boxall chooses models by the main manufacturers of diecast toys and places them in dioramas. This month's theme is racing and competition cars.

This series focuses upon vehicles from the 1950s to the 1970s, and try and place them in an appropriate diorama. Fortunately, many of the leading manufacturers of the 1960s have given such projects a helping hand. People and animals, which were produced in plastic to entice us to buy a particular toy, can now be used in our own displays. Motorsport lends itself very well to the concept and it certainly makes for some wonderful dioramas.

The HWM Racing Car was released by Dinky in 1953 as model No 23j. It appeared in light green, with silver trim and competed as number 7. It was re-issued with a box in 1954 as model No 235. It is racing with the Ferrari Racing Car. The early issue Ferrari appeared as 23h, in blue with a yellow nose, racing number 5, and silver trim. This model was also re-issued in 1954 with a box, as model No 234. All the drivers in this series wore a white overall outfit with racing hat and goggles.

The Austin-Healey 100 with competition finish was released by Dinky as model No 109, and was available between 1955-59. This particular model is cream with red interior and hubs, and raced as either 22 or 23. There was also a yellow version with blue interior and hubs, racing as number 21 or 28. Both cars had drivers and silver trim.

Dinky released the Sunbeam Alpine with competition finish and driver figure as model No 107, in 1955. It was issued with a cerise body, cream hubs and grey interior. It raced as number 34 and

was available until 1959. It also appeared with a pale blue body, cream hubs and interior, as number 26.

The Aston Martin DB3S with competition finish was released by Dinky in 1956, as model No 110. It was available until 1959, and had a grey body with racing number 20, or a mid-green, or light green body with racing numbers 22 or 25. All the cars in the series had a driver.

In July 1957, Corgi released the Vanwall Racing Car, as model No 150. It was manufactured in a 1/46 scale and went on to achieve 317,000 sales before being withdrawn in 1961. This early version had a seat, screen and engine detail but had no driver or suspension. The model featured is the red version with racing number 7 and criss-cross hubs. The Vanwall was the car driven by Stirling Moss and while the Corgi model, in deep green, raced as number 3, I understand that some were produced with the racing number 20.

The BRM Grand Prix Racing Car was released by Corgi in December 1958, as model No 152. It appeared in dark green with silver trim, and raced as number 3 or 7. It had no driver or suspension and achieved 195,000 sales before its 1961 withdrawal.

The Aston Martin DB4 Competition was released in 1962, as model No 309. This Corgi car had a really sporty colour scheme, with a double flag transfer on the bonnet, and a racing number on each door. It was issued with a turquoise lower body, a white bonnet, roof and boot. It had a lemon interior, suspension and an opening bonnet. It was available

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until 1965, and achieved 492,000 sales.

The Ferrari Formula 1 Grand Prix Racing Car was released as model No 154, in January 1963. This red Ferrari had a driver, suspension and detailed engine in chrome, and raced as number 36. It achieved a staggering 1,280,000 sales plus those in 1969. It was not withdrawn until 1972, which along with its popularity accounts for the high volume of sales. It appeared again in March of the same year, in Gift Set 17, the 'Land Rover with Ferrari on Trailer'.

In December 1964, the Lotus Climax Racing Car was released, as model No 155. It was issued in dark green with a yellow stripe down the front of the



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7 The Ferrari Formula 1 Grand Prix Racing Car, was released as model No 154, in January 1963.

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bonnet, and racing number 1. It was a particularly attractive model with chrome suspension, mirrors, exhaust and trim. It came with a driver figure in the car and reached 984,000 sales, before being withdrawn in 1968. The original racing car was driven very successfully by Jim Clark. The Lotus Climax also featured in Gift Set 37, the 'Lotus Racing Team Set'.

Dinky released a group of four racing cars in Gift Set 201. This set had its own diorama and figures and came in a window box. The set was available between 1965 and 1968 – the four cars were also available individually.

The Cooper Racing Car (1963–70) was released as model No 240, in blue with racing number 20. The Lotus Racing Car (1963–70) was issued as model No 241, and appeared in green and raced as number 7, 36 or 24. The Ferrari Racing Car (1963–71) was released as model No 242. It always appeared quietly confident in red with silver trim and racing number 36. Finally, the BRM Racing Car (1963–71) was released as model No 243, and appeared in green with a yellow engine cowl, and raced as number 7. All these cars had a driver, spun hubs, suspension, and lift-off

9 Corgi released the Ferrari Berlinetta 250 Le Mans Car as model No 314, in 1965.

10 In 1967, Dinky released the Ford GT Racing Car as model No 215.

11 End of stage 'team check-up' with support crew and vehicle.

engine cowl, which were the same colour as the bodywork of the car, with the exception of the BRM.

Corgi released the Ferrari Berlinetta 250 Le Mans Car as model No 314, in 1965. It was finished in red with chrome trim, a blue tinted screen and carried racing number 4 on the bonnet, doors and rear engine cover. The latter opened to reveal a splendid chromed engine and spare wheel. Available until 1972, it achieved 1,598,000 sales plus those in 1969.

In 1967, Dinky released the Ford GT Racing Car as model No 215. It was available in white or bright metallic green, until 1969. The early model had spun hubs and a red interior but later models had spoked wheels, with a red or yellow interior. The rear engine cover and bonnet opened, and all models raced as number 7.

Early in January 1969, Corgi released the MGC GT Competition as No 345. This was a re-release of the MGB GT, with a modified bonnet to accommodate the bulge, as on the real car. It also had a new colour scheme of yellow and black and a set of racing numbers. This sporty little car was withdrawn in the same year and there are no sales figures known due to the 1969 factory fire. **DC**



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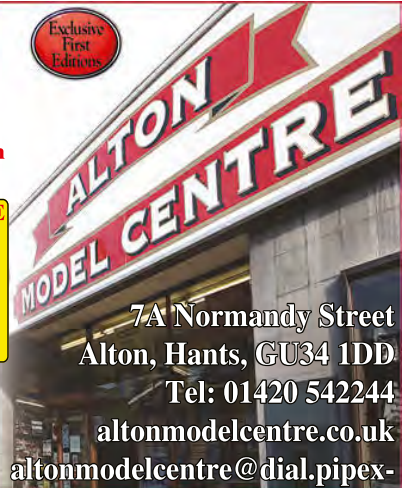
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CORGI TOYS COPIES FROM HONG KONG

Andrew Ralston uncovers yet more creativity in the Far East.

“Never heard of it!” might well be your reaction to the name “Irene Series”. This isn’t really surprising, as the models pictured don’t carry that name either underneath or on their boxes. Only in the unlikely event of finding an entire trade box containing one dozen pieces does it become possible to identify the models, as the outer box carries a label reading “Irene Series for Quick Sales” and “Empire Made”.

Of course, this doesn’t tell us who actually made these toys, as Empire-made products of this kind rarely identify the manufacturer, perhaps because they were so often copied from someone else’s products. Names and trademarks are more often those of distributors who dealt in imported products of various kinds. Numerous other items, particularly cheaply-made porcelain figurines and ornaments, turn up for sale marked ‘Irene Series Foreign’ underneath.

Like most similar toys the cars pictured here were inspired by, if not directly copied from, existing products and the most likely source would appear to be two of the early Corgi Toys, the Austin Cambridge and Standard Vanguard, which appeared in 1956 and 1957 respectively. Both are powered by friction motors (a feature that Corgi themselves used for a time, though such mechanisms were better suited to lighter plastic cars than heavier diecasts). Also like Corgis, the Irene Series have glazed windows and are, in fact, similar in size too. That’s what differentiates them from most other Hong Kong cars of this type, which were usually scaled up in size, even when they were copied from a Dinky or Corgi original.

It has to be admitted that the Irene Series cars are not very well made. Going through the twelve unopened boxes in this pack reveals several that have moulding flaws, particularly around the window pillars of the Cambridge,



1 Austin Cambridge is moulded in plastic and powered by a friction motor.



2 Irene Series Standard Vanguard.

1 Only the outer trade box identifies these models by the name ‘Irene Series’.

2 Corgi Austin Cambridge may be the inspiration behind the Irene Series version. Photo courtesy of Vectis Auctions.

3 Corgi’s equivalent diecast version of the Vanguard. Photo courtesy of Vectis Auctions.

which are often not properly formed. As the label says they were made ‘for quick sales’ and there’s plenty of evidence of haste in their production, with silver paint being slapped on unevenly on the front grilles and bits of glue seeping onto the window glazing.

By contrast, a lot of effort went into the design of the boxes which were not copied from the Corgi ones but were more brightly illustrated with two-tone coloured cars, though the Austin looks more like the longer A95 or A105 model than the Cambridge. The A105 was, of course, modelled by Dinky in 1958 and there’s a Hong Kong plastic copy of this one as well, made by Blue Box and examined in the October 2014 issue of *Diecast Collector*.

The boxes carry reference numbers – 111 for the Austin and 112 for the Standard – though it’s doubtful whether they were preceded by a series of 110 other models! Both cars usually come in red, yellow or blue but another trade set recently appeared on eBay that contained the Vanguard in two further colours, green and cream.

Examples of these models turn up from time to time for sale at around £25–£30 each. As to who ‘Irene’ was, however, her identity is likely to remain shrouded in mystery! **DC**



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BRABHAM ALFA ROMEO BT46

Gordon Murray is one of the most reputed designers in the history of Formula 1, but not all his cars were winners. In a new series, **Francisco Mota** remembers one that seemed a brilliant idea... but never raced.

Photos by João Carlos Oliveira



▲ Front suspension with exterior coils and shock absorbers.



▲ The cockpit features very thin front glass and detailed seatbelts.

1 Small front wheels and tyres are perfectly reproduced.

2 The BT46's unique shape was a result of the Alfa Romeo boxer engine and its revolutionary cooling system.

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Bernie Ecclestone, Brabham Team owner in the late seventies, believed in Gordon Murray's skills as a Formula One designer so he didn't hesitate to back the BT46 when it was first presented to him.

Murray had a new vision for the 1978 season, with some radical technical solutions, never used before in F1. Actually, it was this package of innovations that encouraged Niki Lauda to sign for Brabham, after falling out with Enzo Ferrari at the end of 1977 and leaving the Italian team, where he had just won his second world championship.

To start with, the central monocoque had a strange narrow and triangular cross section, with huge fuel tanks inside, needed to feed the thirsty twelve cylinder

boxer engine from Alfa Romeo.

However, the biggest change was the engine cooling system and, in particular, the positioning of the water and oil radiators. Instead of being located inside the traditional side pontoons, directly facing the airflow, they were placed on the surface of the innovative monocoque. Engine coolant and oil circulated through four small aluminium radiators inside the monocoque and only after that would they circulate inside the surface heat exchangers. The tangential airflow was thought to be enough to cool both water and oil; at least this was the theory behind the new technique.

The advantages seemed easy to understand, starting with aerodynamic gains due to much less drag thanks

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// The car started to look like a real fiasco from the very first track test. //

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to the positioning of the radiators. At the time, there was a trend for oil coolers to be placed in the front wings, so Murray's solution also saved weight, plus the engine would burn less fuel due to the reduction in drag so the tank could be smaller.

The cockpit also featured an innovation. There was a push button that the driver could press to check on engine running temperature, oil pressure and even a stopwatch, all in a new display placed behind the steering wheel. What now sounds something completely vulgar was a real novelty in the late seventies. There was also a wireless transponder connect to the Brabham pit, to give the driver lap times and another button that the driver should use when coming to the pits for a tyre change. This one actuated hydraulic lifters, included in the car bottom, to make tyre change pit stops easier.

All of this had great marketing value but, during the off season, the car started to look like a real fiasco from the very first track test. Even with winter's low temperature, the radiators would boil over after only a few laps. The surface coolers simply didn't have enough cooling capacity for the Alfa Romeo boxer engine. Brabham's original BT46 was quickly put away and never raced, or even used in an official practice session. Brabham started the season with an evolution of the previous year's BT45C and only later in the season would a new BT46 appear, now with conventional radiators. But then it was engine's lack of reliability that put an end to Niki Lauda title aspirations.

TSM MADE IT

It is not so often that a model maker takes the time to reproduce a car that never raced. But TrueScale Miniatures (now TSM Model) made a great resin replica in 1/43 scale, just as the car had been presented to the international press in early 1978, only a few days before the first track test session. At first sight, the model looks really small when compared with modern F1 cars. The very basic aerodynamics, without any of the winglets or diffusers that today populate any racing car, is also very reminiscent of the era.

Of course our eyes go straight to the infamous surface coolers, reproduced on the model by decals. They feature on both sides of the model, with different shapes to optimize the area coverage. Other excellent details are found in the rear wing, for instance the vertical end plates, made in photo-etched

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metal, adding to the veracity of this model. The front wing is also made this way and the result is equally realistic.

Suspension arms front and rear are all there and modelled with the correct shape, which is far from being an easy task for a resin model like this. In the front suspension, there's even a coil spring and shock absorber outside the monocoque, as was the fashion in the seventies. The wheels have their own brake cooling ducts, much simpler than they are today, and the front wheels have heat extractors. To the rear, the part of the engine and gearbox that can be seen are reasonably modelled, the quad exhaust pipes are present and there's even a rain light on the rear wing support.

The red paint is excellent overall and the fabulous Martini livery is very well applied to the body and wings. It's interesting to note that when Brabham lost Martini sponsorship, the letters were replaced by Parmalat, Lauda's personal backer, but the red and blue stripes remained.

Inside the cockpit, the race seat with mandatory six point harness in blue is perfectly visible, as are the black-rimmed steering wheel and the gear lever. There's a wind deflector and two lovely bullet-shaped rear view mirrors, so typical of the seventies.

All in all, this is a very interesting model if you're looking for unique themes or have F1 as one of your interests. Of course this isn't a car famous for its results, far from it, but it shows how wild imagination could be when regulations allowed, much more so than today. It also shows how bold a young Gordon Murray could be when he had the right backing. Even if it did end up in a true fiasco. **DC**

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▲ All the small suspension components are carefully placed, not easy with F1 cars.



▲ The front wing is also made from photoetched parts, making it look very realistic.



▲ The well modelled exhausts look as precarious as the real thing.



▲ Large rear wheels with fat tyres were a common feature in F1 during this era.

3 The rear wing, with very simple lines, is made from photoetched metal.

4 From this angle the surface radiators and their diverse shapes are clearly visible.

5 Most of the engine was hidden by the bodywork, but what can be seen is well modelled.

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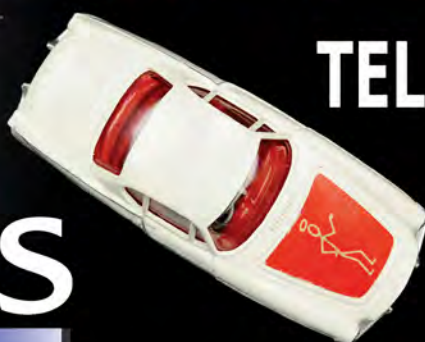
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BLAW KNOX BULLDOZER



DTCA Chairman, **Michael Driver**, bulldozes his way into this issue with the fabulous Blaw Knox Dinky Supertoys release.

This large Dinky Supertoys model seems to have been in every child's collection. It came into its element in the garden or on the beach as it helped to make roads for other Dinky Toys vehicles. It was big, heavy and very robust.

The Dinky Supertoys Blaw Knox Bulldozer, No 561, first entered the range in January 1949 as one of the growing number of Dinky Supertoys. The model has caterpillar tracks in green or black rubber on black wheels. The dozer blade could be raised and lowered by a lever on the right side. This lever, when pulled fully back, locked the blade in the raised position.

In the Meccano Magazine of January 1949, the model is described, and also states "On the real Blaw Knox bulldozer, the blade is moved by a hydraulic mechanism and the hydraulic cylinders on the actual machine, one on each side, are represented in miniature. This handsome model is enamelled in red, except for the cylinders and actuating arms of the blade, which are black."

The models were sold in plain card lift off lid boxes with applied red and black labels. They also came in green card boxes with orange red and black applied paper labels followed by blue card boxes with the orange red type of labels. After this the models were in the famous blue and white striped Dinky Supertoys boxes.

In 1954 the Dinky Supertoys were re-numbered into the '900' series and the Dinky Supertoys Blaw Knox Bulldozer became number 961. These models continued in red, but in 1958 there was a colour change to primrose yellow. The dozer blade was sprayed in light grey and retained the black lifting arms. The driver was still in his tan overalls but his operating levers are through the body casting, rather than above as on earlier models. In 1963 he was replaced by a plastic driver in blue overalls.

The model was deleted in 1964. However, in that



▲ Dinky Supertoys Blaw Knox Bulldozers No 961 – primrose yellow and orange plastic version.



▲ Dinky Supertoys Blaw Knox Bulldozer No 561 in red.

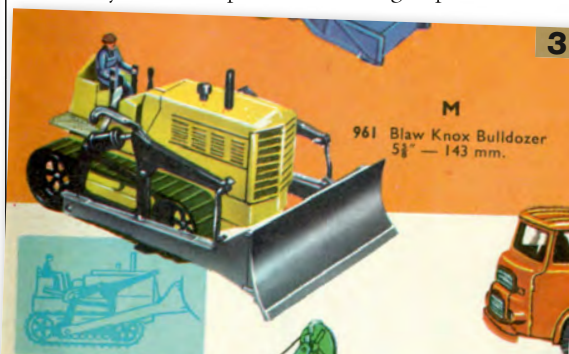


▲ Dinky Toys Catalogue 1961 part image.

year a plastic version was produced and sold in the blue and white striped boxes. The body for this model was in orange and the dozer blade was in light green as were the exhaust pipes. The engine was also shown sprayed in silver. The model had the driver in blue plastic overalls.

The red model was available in France using the 561 number and sold in the blue boxes with French labels. In 1959 the model was given the French number 885 before deletion in 1961. This model was finished in orange with a grey blade and green rubber tracks. It was sold in a blue and white striped box.

The Blaw-Knox company in England started out in 1929. The American company bought Cowan Hulbert Ltd in Watford who made construction plant and equipment for contractors. It produced its own bulldozers for many years before other 'crawler' tractor manufacturers competed in this market. In 1969 they were bought out by Babcock and Wilcox and since 2007 they have been part of the Volvo group. **DC**



FURTHER INFO

✦ The Dinky Toys Collectors' Association

Construction vehicles have been a popular part of the Dinky Toys range. They are often illustrated and discussed in the DTCA Journal. You can find out more or join by visiting the website www.dtcawebsite.com.



1 Meccano Magazine Advert January 1949 part image.

2 French Dinky Supertoys Blaw Knox Bulldozer No 885 in orange.

3 Dinky Toys Catalogue 1964 part image.

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VECTIS FEELS THE FORCE

TYPICALLY we tend to associate *Star Wars* action figures with high prices achieved at auction, after all, many of those little plastic toys can potentially command results that soar into the thousands. However, along with the action figures, Kenner/Palitoy also produced a number of diecast spaceships and those are now becoming very collectable indeed.

To coincide with *Star Wars* and the sequel, *The Empire Strikes Back*, the companies made a number of diecast ships inspired by iconic vehicles seen in

the films, e.g. the Millennium Falcon or the imposing Imperial Cruiser. Typically they tend to command results of around the £200 to £400 mark but there is one particularly sought after piece that recently went under the hammer at Vectis Auctions.

The item in question? A Palitoy *Star Wars* TIE Bomber diecast and plastic vehicle, which was in mint condition within an excellent (slightly yellowed) bubble and a good plus to excellent (ink touch-ups) box. With an estimate of £300 to £400, the TIE

Bomber blasted its way to £1,300. The reason for its rarity is that, compared to the other models, this was produced in much small numbers... perhaps because it wasn't quite as recognisable as the other ships that appeared in the films. ■



▲ **Corgi No. 229 Chevrolet Corvair** excellent to near mint in a very good box. **Sold for £45, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ **Corgi No. 247 Mercedes 600 Pullman** excellent to near mint in a fair box. **Sold for £35, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ **Dinky Toys No. 292 Leyland Atlantean Bus 'Ribble'** excellent condition, good box. **Sold for £45, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲ **French Dinky No. 890 Bertlet Tank Transporter** light wear only, hence excellent to near mint in a very good to excellent box. **Sold for £135, M&M Auctions, December.**

COTTEES IS MOVING ON

A collection of Chipperfields Circus diecast proved to be a big hit during Cottes' sale in November, with a number of Corgi replicas achieving well over their pre-sale estimates on the day.

Take, for example, the Corgi Toys No. 487 Chipperfields Circus Land Rover Parade Vehicle in excellent condition with clown and chimp in a very good/excellent box with packing piece and leaflet. Estimated at £50 to £70, the Land Rover made £170. Another show stopper was a Corgi Major Toys No. 1144 Chipperfields Circus Crane Scammell Handyman Cab with rhino in a cage that sold for £160, based on a £60 to £80 pre-sale estimate.

Meanwhile, it's all change for Cottes in January when it leaves the site it has occupied for more than one hundred years in Wareham to take up a new

purpose-built premises in Poole. The first toy auction in January will feature a fantastic collection of pre-war Dinky. The collection belonged to the current vendor's uncle and has been well looked after. The star of the show is a rare Dinky Fenwick Van in very good original condition. The model was produced in 1939 as a promotional piece and it is believed that there are only six in

existence... what a way to kick off proceedings in the new venue!

Cottes' first sale of the year will be held at Mannings Heath in Poole on 29th January and regularly thereafter, with live internet bidding available via the-saleroom.com. ■





▲ Dinky Toys No. 651 Centurion Tank black rubber tracks, very good to excellent in a very good to excellent box. **Sold for £40, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ French Dinky No. 24f Peugeot 403 Familiale Estate Car good in a fair box. **Sold for £45, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ French Dinky No. 543 Renault Floride green body, good in a good to very good box. **Sold for £35, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ French Dinky No. 542 (24ZT) Simca Ariane Taxi excellent in a very good to excellent box. **Sold for £80, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ French Dinky No. 554 Opel Rekord very good in an excellent box. **Sold for £60, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ French Dinky No. 24j Alfa Romeo 1900 Coupe fair plus to good in a very good box. **Sold for £50, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Dinky Toys No. 905 Foden (second type) Flat Truck with Chains restored, excellent in a good box. **Sold for £45, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Dinky Supertoys No. 501 Foden (first type) Diesel 8-wheel Wagon good plus in a fair to good plus box. **Sold for £60, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Dinky Supertoys No. 901 Foden (second type) Diesel 8-wheel Wagon fair to fair plus in a fair plus box. **Sold for £50, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Dinky Supertoys No. 923 Big Bedford 'Heinz 57 Varieties' Van good to very good in a fair plus box. **Sold for £75, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Budgie Toys No. 214 Salvage Crane very good plus to excellent in a good box. **Sold for £35, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Corgi GS44 Mounted Police Set mint in a good box. **Sold for £35, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Dinky Toys No. 165 Humber Hawk near mint (with enhanced rear light detail), good box (one tab torn). **Sold for £65, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲ Dinky Toys No. 166 Sunbeam Rapier black M tyres, near mint, excellent box. **Sold for £70, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲ Dinky Supertoys No. 903 Foden Flat Truck with Tailboard rarer version is good to good plus in incorrent fair box. **Sold for £80, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Dinky Supertoys No. 959 Foden Dump Truck with Bulldozer Blade excellent in a very good to excellent box. **Sold for £75, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Dinky No. 118 Gift Set 'Tow Away Glider' Set generally near mint in a good to very good box. **Sold for £140, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Dinky No. 270 Ford Panda Police Car near mint in a very good box. **Sold for £50, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Budgie Toys No. 220 Leyland Hippo Cattle Truck good plus to very good in a very good box. **Sold for £26, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Budgie Toys No. 226 Foden Dump Truck very good to excellent in a good plus box. **Sold for £30, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Budgie Toys No. 276 Bedford LWB Tipper 'Ham River Grit' excellent in a good plus to very good box. **Sold for £45, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Budgie Toys No. 238 Scammell Scarab 'British Railways Railfreight' excellent in an excellent box. **Sold for £30, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲ Spot-On No. 262 Morris 1100 good plus in a very good box. **Sold for £55, M&M Auctions, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 167 A.C. Aceca Coupe black M tyres, near mint, generally good box. **Sold for £75, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 168 Singer Gazelle black M tyres, near mint, generally good box. **Sold for £80, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 169 Studebaker Golden Hawk white M tyres, near mint, excellent box. **Sold for £75, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 173 Nash Rambler white M tyres, near mint, excellent box. **Sold for £55, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 174 Hudson Hornet excellent condition, one re-touched chip to roof, excellent box. **Sold for £75, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 175 Hillman Minx black M tyres, near mint, excellent box. **Sold for £80, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 176 Austin A105 white M tyres, near mint, excellent box. **Sold for £90, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 182 Porsche 356A black M tyres, near mint, excellent box. **Sold for £100, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 187 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia white M tyres, near mint, excellent box. **Sold for £85, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 191 Dodge Royal Sedan white M tyres, near mint, excellent box. **Sold for £65, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 192 Desoto Firelite white M tyres, near mint, generally good box (one tab detached). **Sold for £70, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Supertoys No. 934 Leyland Octopus Wagon near mint, three flat tyres, generally very good box. **Sold for £130, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Supertoys No. 965 Euclid Rear Dumper Truck near mint, complete with inner packing piece, excellent box. **Sold for £45, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Supertoys No. 991 AEC Tanker 'Shell Chemicals' near mint, three flat tyres, excellent box. **Sold for £100, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲French Dinky No. 29F Autocar Chausson excellent condition, good box. **Sold for £90, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 282 Duple Roadmaster Coach excellent condition, generally good box (one tab almost detached). **Sold for £70, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Dinky Toys No. 295 Standard Atlas Kenebrake near mint, good box. **Sold for £70, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲French Dinky No. 541 Mercedes-Benz Small Bus excellent condition, good box. **Sold for £110, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Spot-On No. 156 Mulliner Luxury Coach generally excellent condition (off-side corner of front bumper broken), very good box. **Sold for £420, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, December.**



▲Corgi No. 152s BRM Formula 1 Grand Prix Racing Car excellent plus in a generally excellent (very slightly creased) box. **Sold for £40, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.154 Ferrari Formula 1 Grand Prix Racing Car mint in a generally near mint box. **Sold for £45, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.201m Austin Cambridge Saloon excellent plus (very minor rub wear marks to roof) in a generally mint box. **Sold for £620, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.202m Morris Cowley Saloon near mint in a good plus box. **Sold for £130, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.206m Hillman Husky with 'KLG' decal fitted to one rear side window (probably done as a factory trial). Overall condition is excellent plus in a good plus box. **Sold for £140, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.218 Aston Martin DB4 excellent plus in a generally excellent box. **Sold for £150, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.225 Austin Seven Mini excellent plus (couple of minor factory marks to windows) in an excellent box. **Sold for £120, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.236 Austin A60 Motor School Car first issue trial cast hubs, near mint in a generally excellent box. **Sold for £400, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.239 Volkswagen 1500 Karmann Ghia mint in a generally excellent box with brown luggage case. **Sold for £190, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.259 Le Dandy Coupe near mint in a generally excellent box. **Sold for £130, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.302 MGA Sports Car near mint in a good plus box. **Sold for £110, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.303s Mercedes 300SL Open Roadster mint in a good plus box with correct inner packing ring. **Sold for £200, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.314 Ferrari Berlinetta 250 Le Mans cast hubs (first issue trial cast hubs), near mint. **Sold for £340, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.312 Jaguar Type E "Competition Model" cast hubs (first issue trial cast hubs), overall condition is generally excellent plus in a near mint box. **Sold for £240, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi Whizzwheels No.313 Ford Cortina GXL "Graham Hill" - Dutch Export Issue mint (couple of extremely minor factory marks), comes with Graham Hill figure. **Sold for £280, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.316 NSU Sport Prinz near mint in a generally excellent plus box. **Sold for £60, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.319 Lotus Elan Coupe mint in a generally good plus box with racing No. 3 unapplied labels. **Sold for £160, Vectis, November.**



▲Corgi No.322 Rover 2000 "Rallye Monte Carlo" excellent plus, in a good box with correct flashes. **Sold for £160, Vectis, November.**



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ELFS AND HORNETS



I believe the Wolseley Hornet and Riley Elf were only manufactured for eight years (1961-1969), but to date I am unable to find any model firm that markets a model of either. May I enquire from your readers if any models were made and if any are still available?

Chris Wilson, Limavady, Northern Ireland

ED We actually have a detailed article on this very subject coming in the magazine very soon by David Lynn (see his photo here). There are currently no models on sale as new but there were some 1/43 scale releases by Vitesse many years ago and these were reissued as Dinky Matchbox at a later time.

I'VE GOT THE BUG(S)

FURTHER to Paul Lumsdon's excellent article on the Bond Bug in issue 219, although the article was obviously about diecast models, there are two other plastic models of the bug. Firstly, made by Lucky Toys in Hong Kong, the model is approximately 5.25 inches long with a driver and a lifting canopy. Secondly, a bump and go, made in Taiwan.

Peter Steele, Clacton-on-Sea

ED Wonderful, thank you for sharing Peter! I've certainly never come across these as I would most definitely have bought them. My relationship with the Bond Bug is unfinished business!



TOBACCO TRIBULATIONS



I was very interested in Francisco Mota's article on Rothmans sponsored cars in the last issue, in which there was a picture of the Le Mans winning Porsche 956L set by Minichamps, pointing out that the Racing logo was incorrect, indeed it is, but these models were produced in full Rothmans Livery and for various reasons the Rothmans logo in the livery was covered with the "Racing" decal. If you are very careful you can restore the models to original state with patience, Sellotape and decal remover, as the full logo was tampo printed on underneath (see photo). Beware though, if you're not sure then don't attempt it as it will cost you dear. It's also interesting to note that Minichamps even got the door right on the number 3 car, where it was changed during the race and did not line up with the livery on the car. The box picture was altered and unfortunately we are stuck with that but at least you can get the models correct. The entire tobacco debate is pointless, we are all adult and know what it's about, after all, even now it's quite obvious that the major current sponsor of Ducati and Ferrari is the Phillip Morris Marlboro brand. I once worked in motorsport and, at one race in Germany, replaced the word Marlboro on our cars with the word Hungerford as, on the A4, Hungerford is the next town to Marlborough. One or two photographers got the joke so my efforts were not in vain.

David J Coles, Melksham



ED Interesting point about the tampo printing underneath, I never knew that! I was there to witness the 1-2-3 finish in 1982 and it's always put me off acquiring the set before. Good spot re No 3's door!

VOLVO SUGGA QUEST

I would be very grateful if you assist over the following puzzle. It is a problem that I have been trying to solve for several years in many different ways, and so I'll be as brief as possible. I have a collection of 11 different models in various scales of the Volvo TP 21 (or 915) better known as the Sugga. In the past, I have been advised that there is an obscure crude, metal diecast version believed to be of Russian or "Old Iron Curtain Country" manufacture. Despite much internet searching and other more indirect methods, I have not been able to find out anything about it or locate one. In May I thought that I had, because a Moscow Avito free advertisement of sale included photos from which it was clear

that this was a model unknown to me. It was said to be made of metal. However, it was not available outside of the City Regions. I was able to circumvent this and now have it. It is not crude and is resincast. There are no makers markings and the case has clearly been pre-used. A logo on the case underside has been almost obliterated with abrasive paper and looks like NOR?? I cannot find any information about this either; although the case and model may have different makers they could possibly be from the same country. The St. Petersburg dealer who got it for me said that he would try to learn more of the origin and make enquiries over the metal item or other possible variants,



but I have heard nothing since. I would like learn more about Eastern Block manufactured items and discover any Sugga specifics. There do not seem to be any magazines similar to yours. Russian based dealers are largely not responsive and those that say they will come back me usually do not. There are a few forums, but I have not been able to get any replies from them. There must be some knowledgeable people or alternative sources who could help, but maybe only living in that part of the world. Are you able to help in any way?

Ken Clarkson, via email

ED Many thanks for the enquiry and photo Ken. A most intriguing vehicle! My first thoughts about the manufacturer name is that it would be NOREV, but I'm far from an expert here, so over to our knowledgeable readers.

TRANSIT ARTICULATION

I wonder if any readers can help me. About 30 years ago, whilst I was still in the army, I remember seeing an article in a magazine (I think it was a trucking magazine) about a Ford Transit that was going to be made into an articulated vehicle. I cannot remember if this was being done privately or if Ford were doing it, but if anyone can remember this or has a photograph I would be very interested ... maybe a future code 3! I apologise if my facts seem vague, but I do know there is a photo somewhere.

Ian Thomas, via email

ED Many thanks for getting in touch. Very interesting question! I've certainly not come across one but can anyone else help here please?



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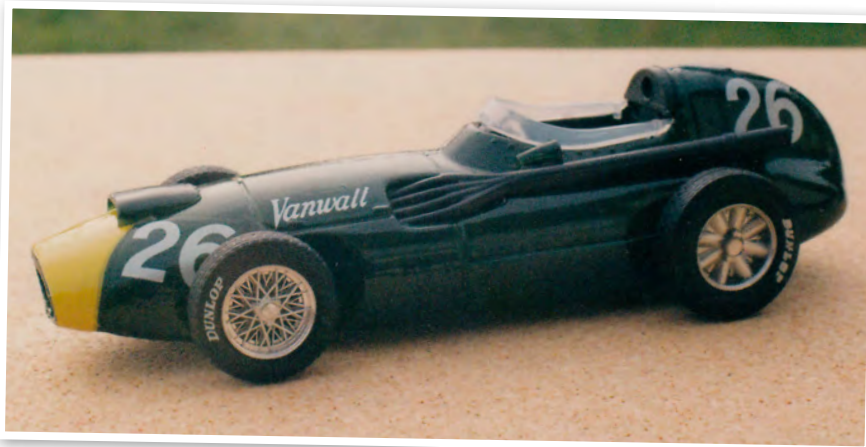
One was William Lyons (much later Sir William), whose engineering skills and inspirational leadership provided the impetus for Jaguar to take five victories at Le Mans between 1951 and 1957. His road cars proved just as effective, with the XK120, Mark 1 and Mark 2 saloons, and even the massive Mark VII bringing home the bananas on racing circuits and in rallying.

In Grand Prix racing, the invisible barrier to British wins was broken in 1955 when a Connaught came first at Syracuse. But this was no one-off fluke, for John Cooper, Colin Chapman, Tony Vandervell and others all had small, dedicated teams of talented men ready to show what British cars could do.

Despite his autocratic nature, Vandervell knew when co-operation was necessary. His creation, the one with which we are all most familiar, was the Vanwall of 1956-58, a car that was beautiful, thanks to Frank Costin's aerodynamic bodywork (similar to that of the Lotus 16), and structurally sounder with Colin Chapman's Lotus-derived space-frame chassis and rear suspension. The car's first outing, driven by Stirling Moss to a win at Silverstone, was the prelude to Moss signing up to Vanwall, along with Tony Brooks, Stuart Lewis-Evans, Mike Hawthorn (briefly), Harry Schell and Maurice Trintignant.

Three Grand Prix wins were achieved in 1957, the icing on the cake being the British Grand Prix with Moss and Brooks sharing a Vanwall VW4. More successes followed in 1958, but racing has its price, in this case the crash that left Lewis-Evans so badly burnt that he died a week later. Vandervell took this predictably badly. Already in poor health, his enthusiasm was never the same again.

The Vanwall was the car of Grand Prix racing



▲ Brumm R199.



▲ Brumm R098.

for a few years, although no one liked driving it. The handling lacked the flexibility of a Maserati, only Moss managing to persuade it to drift, and the gearbox was cumbersome. However, it was a winner and attracted as much loyalty as did Tony Vandervell.

Strangely there are few models of the Vanwall, nor of the BRM of the same period. What has been produced has been mainly good. Released in 1957, Corgi No 150 is a lovely specimen, the shape just right and with a neat windscreen. And it's green. A green BRM came out too, No 152. Vanwall No 150S with suspension followed, the same casting but in bright red with a plastic driver, accompanied by a turquoise BRM (152S), also with a driver and springs.

Dinky produced a slightly larger version in 1958. No 239 had a good body casting, slightly spoiled by protrusions over the axles and what looked like heavily-treaded lorry tyres. Also in 1958, Crescent Toys made a Vanwall, which now fetches more at auction than either the Corgi or Dinky models, and more than the other Crescent racing cars. It seems possible that not many were made. I've never seen one.

As far as I know, nothing further happened until the 21st century, when Brumm made some Vanwalls. R098 is an excellent model of the 1957 British GP winner, with wire wheels. The Vanwall team tested various combinations of wheels, trying to improve the handling. This model is a beauty, but wears the wrong racing number (18, when it should be 20). Another Brumm offering, R199, has the solid alloy 'Lotus' rear wheels, a bonnet scoop and a yellow nose. The opening of the nose is much too big and, again, Brumm describes it as the 1958 Belgian GP winner with Moss driving, whereas it is his 1958 Italian GP winner. In Belgium, Moss was forced to retire having gone from an accelerating fourth gear to third instead of his intended fifth, blowing up the engine. That tricky gearbox even beat Stirling.

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